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Peres meets Omani FM in Akaba

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FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres met with Omani Foreign Minister Yusuf Bin-Alawi at King Hussein's Akaba Palace last night, Peres spokeswoman Bahira Bardugo announced late last night.

Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir predicted that in the "days and weeks ahead," Israel would strengthen ties with "Gulf and Magreb" countries.

Bardugo said Peres and Bin-Alawi "discussed ways to strengthen ties between the two countries," but would not say whether the two countries had set a date for establishing diplomatic relations. Hussein, who lent the facilities for the meeting, did not attend, Bardugo said.

US officials had predicted that last week's four-way Cairo summit would pave the way for several visible events in the next few weeks that would generate fresh momentum for the peace process.



Border policemen check worshipers' identity cards as they arrive for Ramadan prayers at the Aksa Mosque on Friday. (Brian Hendler)

PA foils car-bomb attack

Cabinet to approve plan for easing of closure

DAVID MAKOVSKY, ALON PINKAS and BILL HUTMAN

THE Palestinian Police in Jericho succeeded yesterday in foiling a planned car-bomb attack against Israelis, a very senior Israeli official said in a briefing for reporters last night.

"The Palestinian Authority stopped a booby-trapped car in Jericho yesterday," the official said.

A security source said the perpetrators were caught by undercover agents working for Jibril Rajoub, the PLO's security chief in Jericho. The source said the agents acted on a tip by their General Security Service counterparts.

It remains unclear the number of people who were involved or whether they are now being held in a Palestinian prison.

The senior official also noted that the PA has successfully prevented "three or four attacks against Israel in the last two weeks, including a suicide bombing," but insisted they could do more. He said Israel has passed along names of suspected terrorists whom it wanted the PA to arrest, but the PA has yet to do so.

The PA immediately notified Israel of the latest planned attack, the official indicated. The IDF then blocked off the access routes outside of Jericho yesterday, apparently helping the PA to trap the perpetrators.

Rajoub's office denied foiling any such attack, Israel Radio said. Rajoub, claimed that the road's closure was in effect a closure on Jericho, which is a violation of the Cairo Agreement.

Chief Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath reportedly said in Cairo during the last few days that intelligence cooperation exists between the PA and Israel.

Shaath recently told *The Jerusalem Post* that several other attacks against Israelis had been foiled in recent weeks. There have been no arrests, however.

Two of the four Islamic Jihad leaders arrested by the Palestinian security police after the Beit Lid bombing two weeks ago were released on Friday. However, Abdullah Shami, the most popular of them, remains in jail.

At today's cabinet meeting, the government is expected to approve a gradual lifting of the closure imposed after the Beit Lid bombing, starting mid-week, government sources said last night.

Elderly Palestinians will likely be the first to be allowed to cross the Green Line, by Tuesday or Wednesday, the sources said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is expected to present recommendations drafted in a meeting he held Friday afternoon with the IDF top brass and General Security Service officials on the closure.

Senior army sources said last night that the IDF recommended that the closure not be lifted entirely.

"Without getting into the political implications of it, the simple fact is that the closure is effective," the source said. "It decreases the friction between Israelis and Palestinians and thus diminishes the chances that terrorists will successfully enter and carry out attacks."

Other sources in the IDF warned that a protracted closure serves Hamas and the Islamic Jihad by further weakening Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and driving unemployed youth into the extremists' ranks.

Meanwhile, some 60,000 Moslem worshipers from within Israel converged on the Aksa Mosque in Jerusalem for the first Friday prayers of Ramadan.

The closure kept away another 100,000 Palestinians who under normal conditions would have come to the Temple Mount for the prayers.

Police shut off roads in eastern Jerusalem near the Old City, and confiscated the identity cards of some worshipers as precautionary security measures. The identity cards were returned to the worshipers when they left the Temple Mount.

Similarly, weapons were taken from Jewish worshipers at the Western Wall on Friday, and returned only as they left the Western Wall plaza.

Ben-Yair okays prolonging detention

DAVID MAKOVSKY and JON IMMANUEL

ATTORNEY-General Michael Ben-Yair has given his okay to extend administrative detention for Palestinians from six months to a year, a very senior Israeli official said in a briefing for diplomatic correspondents last night.

"Ben-Yair has been convinced to extend administrative detention to a year," this official said last night.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin favored such a move in an emergency cabinet meeting after the Beit Lid attack, believing it will help in the crackdown against terror. However, the move was delayed since cabinet ministers wanted to make sure there would be a prior legal examination, ensuring that the extension could withstand the inevitable appeal to the High Court of Justice.

At the start of January, there were an estimated 250 Palestinians being held in administrative detention. It remains unclear whether the new regulation, when it takes effect, could effect those currently detained.

On the future of the peace process, the official said last night that Israel will offer PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat during their meeting on Thursday immediate Palestinian elections, and apparently defer the issue of IDF redeployment for future negotiations.

During the three days of elections, IDF soldiers stationed in Palestinian cities would not leave their camps, he said. To underscore the point that Israel does not want to interfere in Palestinians elections, Israel will consent to "1,000 monitors from abroad," the official said. The principle of deploying international observers during Palestinian elections is written in the Oslo accord.

Meanwhile, the PA spokesman said yesterday that Arafat failed to bring regional pressure to bear on Israel at the Cairo summit, but succeeded in renewing bilateral talks marked by Thursday's meeting between Arafat and Rabin.

Spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh said that Arafat described the Cairo summit as "successful and fruitful" because it led to the renewal of talks suspended two weeks ago after the Beit Lid bombing.

He dismissed a reported quote by Information Minister Yasser Abed-Rabbo that the Cairo summit was only "a media event." The importance of the summit was that "it proved the Israeli-Palestinian track is the most important because the US and Egypt became directly involved."

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Rabin expected to name caretaker ministers for 'Shas portfolios'

SARAH HONIG

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin is expected today to hand over the Interior and Religious Affairs portfolios, which he had been holding Shas, to caretaker ministers in the cabinet, following Shas's decision early Friday not to rejoin the government.

Shas's decision was relayed to Rabin at 2 a.m. Friday at Ben-Gurion Airport, just as he returned from the Cairo summit. This was hours before the High Court of Justice ruled in favor of the controversial coalition agreement between Labor and Shas, a move meant to stress that the party's decision was independent of the court ruling. (Story, Page 2)

The message, in the form of a hand-written letter by Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, cited the deteriorating security situation as the reason Shas could not return to the Labor-led coalition.

"We had always aspired to peace, even in return for painful concessions," wrote Yosef. "But the security situation now is insufferable. People are afraid to go out on streets and the blood of Israel is spilled like water. At the same time, the government is dragged by the extreme left wing, which is a minority in the nation. This is not the peace for which we prayed."

It is "out of concern for our brethren in general and in Judea, Samaria and Gaza in particular that we have decided not to enter the coalition in its present composition," he added.

Shas sources pointed out that the door back to the coalition had not been irreversibly slammed shut by Yosef. The key phrases in his letter, they said, are the terms "in its present composition" and the current "security situation."

Shas leader Aryeh Deri, however, said his party's move did not mean it would automatically vote with the opposition.

Shas, he said, is "neither left nor right. How we will vote on each issue will depend on the directives we get in each case from Rabbi Yosef. If he instructs us to join the opposition executive and join forces with it to bring down the government, we will do so. We will carry out his instructions on each issue. So far as we are concerned, his decision not to join the opposition is a halachic ruling."

Deri argued that "given the government's composition and the fact that Labor has totally abandoned its own platform and abdicated to Meretz, there are no balances in this coalition and Shas would have no real counterweight to swing the government the other way. It would only function as a fig leaf for a dangerously leftist regime."

The Prime Minister's Office expressed regret at Shas's decision. The expectation is that the two portfolios will go to other ministers, who will act as caretakers. Rabin is not expected to appoint new ministers or vex Shas by appointing current ministers as permanent replacements.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal and Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar are vying for the Interior portfolio while Tourism Minister Uzi Baram and Economics Minister Shimon Shetreet want to be temporarily in charge of Religious Affairs.

Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli openly recommended yesterday that the portfolios only be assigned to "temporary substitutes among the present cabinet members, so as not to push Shas further away from Labor. We must not give up on them. Our hope is that they will find a suit-

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Labor, Shas aim to keep delicately-poised coalition intact

COMMENT

SARAH HONIG

SHAS, declared party leader Aryeh Deri, is "neither right nor left," and will judge each issue according to the dictates of its mentor, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. For his part, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is not likely to permanently reassign the Shas portfolios, but will only hand them over to current ministers for "safekeeping."

So what does all this mean? Basically that the two sides will try to keep what was as what will be, barring irresistible temptations or unpredictable developments.

When the din dies down and the smoke clears, it will become evident, say members in both Shas and Labor, that the weekend's changes in the situation were merely superficial. Both parties will seek to keep their options open and refrain from burning their bridges.

Yet when Shas declined to take the opportunity offered it by the High Court of Justice to enter the government with a carte blanche to legislate to its heart's content, it certainly sent a message that it has shifted its position on the political fence somewhat and has nudged closer to the opposition.

Shas leaders read the political map and are very aware of the polls.

These polls show Labor on a steep decline, and they also show Shas claiming less than 1 percent of the voters' support, down from the 4 percent of the vote it garnered in the 1992 elections.

Deri has been privately referring to the Labor coalition a "a sinking ship," and he apparently sees no reason to get on board. Shas's falling fortunes are ascribed in the party to its hawkish electorate associating it with the dovish government, during a period of escalating terrorism, broad disillusionment with the peace process and criticism of the government's policy by President Ezer Weizman and Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer.

Shas, Deri concluded, must at least seem to distance itself from the "leftist" government if it is to survive electorally. This is why Yosef's letter honed in exclusively on the bloodshed and security situation. Yosef was reacting to the mood of his followers, or, as Tourism Minister Uzi Baram put it: "He capitulated to the street."

At the same time, Deri sees no need to sever all ties with the government. The two ministries that gave Shas cash and clout – Interior and Religious Affairs – are being held for it in trust, and are still unofficially under its control. Some sort of "caretaker" arrangement would leave the benefits in Shas's hands and deny them to rivals. That, too, is essential for Shas's survival.

What Shas really wants is to sit on the fence but remain uncontaminated by the government's lack of popularity. This means sitting a lot less comfortably, with one foot on the opposition side but the other ready to jump over to the coalition, should its prospects ever improve.

From Labor's point of view, it is better to keep Shas a lesser ally than a full opponent. If Shas sides unstintingly with the opposition, the government's future will become more shaky than ever. If Shas supports new elections legislation, it could attract some Labor dissidents and malcontents and the government's fate would be sealed.

MKs to visit Jordan today

A delegation of 35 MKs is scheduled to dine with King Hussein at the royal palace in Amman tonight, in what is being described as a working meeting.

The king is flying the MKs to Amman in a Jordanian plane which will pick up the delegation at Ben-Gurion Airport.

The delegation will include Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss, all the deputy speakers, the heads of all factions and the heads of all Knesset committees.

They will fly to Jordan in the late afternoon and return the same night after the royal feast. *Liat Collins*

Cairo summit participants: We are all victims of terror

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

DAVID MAKOVSKY

BEHIND the scenes of the unprecedented four-way Cairo summit Thursday night, there was tension between Israeli and Palestinian officials, and their counterparts from Egypt and Jordan sometimes sided with Israel and sometimes with Palestinians.

But there was unanimity about one point: the threat of attacks by Islamic extremists.

According to a very senior official who briefed reporters last night on the session, at one stage during the meeting, Rabin said: "We are the targets of these Islamic radical attacks." Arafat jumped in and said, "Me too. They have threatened my life."

Arafat noted that he was threatened by Damascus-based Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shkaki. At that point, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordan's King Hussein both nodded their heads, each saying they had been personally threatened by Islamic radicals.

The idea of the summit was a joint American, Israeli and Egyptian initiative. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres discussed the idea with Egypt's Foreign Minister Amr Moussa. Moussa bounced the idea off Mubarak, who phoned Rabin to confirm early last week.

Peres held preparatory talks with Mubarak before the summit to ensure that the summit would not deteriorate into the public fiasco of last May, when the whole world saw an argument between Rabin and Arafat broadcast live at a signing ceremony over the PLO leader signing the maps of Jericho.

According to Israeli officials, Mubarak and Peres agreed to keep the themes general: support for the peace process, condemnation of terror, and regional economic cooperation. In an adjoining room, Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir and top Egyptian aide Nabil Fahmy drafted the joint communique along these lines, which served as virtually the entire end product.

Israel had received a fax of the communique the night before the summit, and noticed one change. The communique said that all four parties endorsed Mubarak's 1991 arms control initiative, which calls for all parties in the Middle East to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). This question stands at the center of Egypt-Israel strain over the last few months.

A meeting was held at the Defense Ministry on Thursday morning just before Rabin flew to Cairo, and it was decided that Israel could not accept the Egyptian language.

Before Rabin landed in Cairo that afternoon, Arafat had already arrived and met with Mubarak, where he complained about the impasse in the peace process.

Sources say Arafat wanted Mubarak to use leverage with Rabin to attain a lifting of the closure, release of prisoners, and IDF redeployment. However, Rabin insisted that if this was the case, the four-way meeting would deteriorate. It was decided that two meetings would occur simultaneously that night after the Iftar sundown feast, when the Ramadan fast is broken. The four leaders would discuss issues, while their aides would hammer out the joint communique, and a news conference would cap the summit.

However, in both meetings, there was Israeli-Palestinian tension. As the senior Israeli official recalled, Rabin turned to Mubarak and Hussein and asked: "Is it possible to have an entity, when the authorities do not have a monopoly on the use of force to ensure order? If the [PA] doesn't [have a monopoly], it will become Lebanon."

At this point, Arafat chimed in, pointing at Rabin: "[Individual] Israelis are selling weapons to Hamas. I can give you addresses where this happens." According to the Israeli official, at this point, Mubarak and Hussein looked at each other askance.

Rabin: "Please do."

Arafat: "They [Islamic rejectionists] have more weapons than I do."

Rabin: "If so, there is no way you can control them."

At this point, Mubarak and Hussein interrupted, switching from English to Arabic, as they talked to Arafat. Rabin, who cannot understand Arabic, saw this as a joint effort by both leaders to have Arafat change his tone.

However, Rabin continued on the subject of terror, and found support from Mubarak.

Rabin: "After Beit Lid, you arrested seven members of the Islamic Jihad. We arrested 200. We arrested 1,350" after the Dizengoff bombing in October.

Arafat: "We have arrested others in the past, but they were acquitted."

At this point, Rabin said he had been told that some Palestinians were acquitted for other offenses because they intimidated the judge. He demanded that Arafat no longer rebuff extradition requests for four Palestinians who killed Israelis after the May 4 Cairo Agreement.

Mubarak to Arafat: "We found people who were trying to smuggle explosives in underground tunnels" and they were "sentenced to 25 years in prison."

However, when the topic changed to why Syria's Hafez Assad was giving cover to Shkaki, it was Rabin and Arafat who were jointly indignant. At this point, Mubarak came to Assad's defense, suggesting the Syrian leader may not be aware of all the group's activities.

The Israeli-Palestinian tension was

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Court: Coalition agreement with Shas legal but improper

EVELYN GORDON

THE planned Labor-Shas coalition agreement would have been legal, but highly improper, the High Court of Justice decided on Friday.

All five justices criticized the agreement sharply. However, in a split decision, the court decided it was a matter to be ultimately decided in the political arena, rather than in the courts.

"It is not the court that must judge in this kind of case," wrote Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar "In a democracy, there are other ways in which opinions are expressed about ... a political action."

Shamgar was supported by justices Eliezer Goldberg and Mishael Cheshin. Deputy President Aharon Barak and Theodor Orr dissented.

Rabbi Uri Regev of the Reform movement, one of the petitioners, said a look at how the justices had divided showed that the disagreement went deeper than the case at hand.

"This wasn't a verdict about Shas, but about our constitutional system," he said. "That's a battle on which the final word has not yet been said."

The justices' main problem with the agreement was a clause stating that if the religious status quo were violated – i.e. by a High Court ruling – legislation would be enacted to restore it.

What is shocking about this clause, Shamgar said, is that it makes a blanket promise to overturn any court ruling on this subtus of the judiciary and the principal of the separation of powers.

"This is not an agreement to circumvent the High Court," he wrote. "It's an agreement to circumvent democracy."

By deciding in advance that any court ruling on a certain subject will be overturned, Barak said, the agreement deprives the court of its function as an arbiter of disputes, since its decisions will be meaningless.

"The High Court is essentially being asked to grind water," he wrote. "The entire procedure becomes a game ... From there, it is not far to where the court must say it will not hear a case at all because the hearing is valueless. These are results that the constitutional mind cannot endure."

Furthermore, he said, this agreement could threaten the independence of the judiciary, because the pressure would be great to avoid changing the status quo to avoid having its rulings nullified. And even if this did not happen, he said, the public is likely to believe it would, and therefore to lose faith in the courts. But even if the public trusted the judiciary's independence, he added, why would it turn to the courts if it knew certain rulings would be overturned?

Finally, Barak said, the agreement, independent of its "nature, reasons, logic or justice." A later "clarification" meant to soften the blanket nature of this promise failed to do so, he added.

The agreement also "damages the proper balance between the three branches of government," he said.

"This proposal ... [would] cancel the results of past rulings, freeze the legal situation in the future, and push individual freedoms into a secondary position, instead of explicitly granting them supremacy," Shamgar wrote. "This is an unnatural result in a free and developing society. The public interest is hurt by the parties' [decision] ... not to permit any development that deviates from ... the status quo ... no matter how justified."

However, he continued, improper political actions are only a matter for the courts if they are actually illegal, or threaten some basic value such as the existence of the state or its democratic character. The test, he said, was whether a party would be disqualified from running on a platform based on the Shas-Labor agreement – and the answer is no.

"Democracy has a price, which stems, among other things, from the extreme effects which at times accompany freedom of expression and political activity," he wrote. "But this price is worthwhile to preserve freedom."

Barak agreed that a political compact is illegal only if it threatens some basic value. However, he said, the Labor-Shas agreement does, by damaging the status of the judiciary and the principal of the separation of powers.

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Finally, Barak said, the agreement would destroy the balance between the legislature and the judiciary. Currently, there is an ongoing dialogue between the two branches, resulting in a constant development of the law, he said. But this dialogue would be destroyed if the legislature automatically canceled any High Court ruling without even considering the court's reasons.

Shamgar's test, he continued, was flawed, because the freedom to compete in elections is greater than the freedom to make coalition agreements. Many things that would be permissible on a party's platform, because of the great importance of allowing free elections, are not permissible in practice, he opined.

"We are the guards on the constitutional wall," he concluded. "It is our job to stop up this breach, because if we don't, the fate of the entire wall is in danger ... Once again, it has fallen on us, the judges of the next generation, to guard our basic values ... against those who would assault them."

Reactions to the verdict from the Knesset were favorable, with most MKs pleased that the court decided not to get involved in a political agreement. The petitioners, in contrast, were disappointed, with one – Dr. Haim Misgav of Amitai – going so far as to say the majority judges had "betrayed their trust" for fear of a backlash from the Knesset.

"The considerations were not entirely legal," he charged.



Attorneys in the courtroom before the High Court of Justice ruled on the Labor-Shas coalition agreement on Friday. (Isaac Harari)

SLA security official killed in bomb blast

DAVID RUDGE

A LOCAL security officer of the South Lebanese Army was killed in a roadside bomb attack and an SLA soldier was wounded by long-range fire in separate incidents during continued fighting in the security zone over the weekend.

The official, Ghazi Diab, was killed Friday morning when an explosive device was detonated alongside his car not far from his home in Shama village, in the Shakif al-Hardoun region of the zone's western sector.

Sources in the zone categorically denied Israel Radio reports that the official was a senior SLA commander and that two bodyguards had also been killed in the blast.

Hizbullah gunmen simultaneously opened fire with mortars and Katyshua rockets at SLA and IDF targets in the same area sparking a prolonged artillery duel.

There were no casualties among the IDF or SLA troops or any reports of Hizbullah gunmen being killed or wounded, despite the intensity of the shooting.

Also on Friday morning, gunmen opened fire with mortars and Katyusha rockets at IDF and SLA positions in the Rehan region in the eastern sector of the security zone.

An SLA soldier was lightly wounded and was later transferred to hospital in Marjayoun for treatment. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire, blasting terrorist targets north of the zone.

Hizbullah, at one stage, announced that its gunmen were fighting a thrust by IDF troops north of the zone, in the Iqlim al-Toufah region, despite the fact there were no activities by ground forces in the area.

More fighting was reported yesterday with another roadside bomb blast in the Shomriya region in the central sector of the zone, accompanied again by Hizbullah firing in the same area.

There were no casualties in either the bomb attack or the long-range firing. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Netanyahu promotes alternative autonomy to 'failed Oslo accords'

SARAH HONIG

LIKUD Chairman Binyamin Netanyahu said over the weekend that he has been in contact with Palestinians disenchanted with Yasser Arafat, and has introduced them to the Likud's autonomy plan, which would give Palestinians municipal autonomy.

Netanyahu argues that an alternative to the "failed Oslo accords could be a new alliance between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians," who will get "autonomy in all facets of life, with Israel maintaining full responsibility for security and foreign affairs."

Netanyahu was speaking in weekend interviews on Channel 2 and on Israel Radio.

"In Gaza this government had already created a fait accompli and the one thing to do now is set up a closed border which will keep Gazans out of Israel.

"This is the one place where a fence makes sense along with land mines. This is a border of several dozen kilometers and not hundreds like in Judea and Samaria. What needs be done now is to make sure that a fait accompli like in Gaza is not also implemented in the far more dangerous Judea and Samaria.

"The Arabs of the territories must be kept out of Israel and Israel can import Labor from other countries, as is done in all parts of the First World. There is nothing wrong with that," Netanyahu maintained.

However, Netanyahu stressed that his interlocutor would not be Arafat "who has proven since Oslo that he has not changed one bit and has kept no part of his bargain. He incites to *jihad*, lauds the suicide bomber, allows murderers to operate from his territory and hunts down collaborators."

Netanyahu said that so far as Syria is concerned, "I would tell Assad that just as he claims the entire Golan, so does Israel. If we go down from the Golan, we would lose every chance there ever was for peace."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last night labeled Netanyahu's plan for municipal autonomy "a joke."

He said he does not believe Palestinians would accept this, and the first who may, "would be murdered on the same day."

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said, "The Netanyahu plan is perfect, except for two problems. It has no partners, and it is totally disconnected from reality."

42 set out and met death on the roads last month

HAIM SHAPIRO

SINAI and Miriam Baranes were just beginning their life together with their son Tamir, who was only 16 months old, when all three lost their lives in a road accident.

According to the Council for the Prevention of Accidents, 42 people died on the roads last month. Another 287 were seriously injured.

Sinai was 37. He was born in Ashkelon and studied in a yeshiva high school. After leaving the army he had studied geology, but at the time he died he was studying physical education and working as a gym teacher.

Miriam, 29, had been a music teacher. They had been married for only a few years. They had come to their new home in Moshav Aviezer at the end of the summer.

On Friday, January 27, the Baranes family had just set out from in Moshav Aviezer in the Judean Hills. They were taking Miriam's sister, 14-year-old Moran Dreib, to the central bus station in Jerusalem, so she could get home to Moshav Rechasim, near Haifa, before Shabbat. Moran was seriously injured in the accident.



The other driver involved in the accident, Tuvia Shavit, 48, told police he had left Ein Kerem, near Jerusalem, on the narrow, winding road to Nes Harim. He was driving a bus in which he was to pick up schoolchildren. He saw a car speeding in the opposite direction, he said. Then suddenly the car swerved into the wrong lane and came straight at his bus. The car in which the Baranes family was traveling was completely smashed in.

The police said the accident was caused by excessive speed. Onlookers who arrived at the scene shortly after the accident, could not even tell how many people were in the car.

Thousands of people attended their funeral the following Sunday in the Ashkelon cemetery.

Man killed when truck overturns

A man was killed when his truck overturned yesterday afternoon near Anata, northeast of Jerusalem.

Rescue personnel declared him dead at the scene. Police are investigating the circumstances of the accident.

Last week, nine people were killed and 31 seriously injured in 30 accidents. One of those killed was a pedestrian. (Itim)

US rejects Egypt demand for IDF withdrawal

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

HEADING into a critical meeting with Middle East foreign ministers next weekend, the Clinton administration is rejecting an Egyptian demand that Israel set a deadline for withdrawing its troops from Arab cities in the territories.

Instead, Secretary of State Warren Christopher intends to concentrate on new security safeguards for Israelis, a senior US official said Friday according to AP.

"You can't set a deadline for an Israeli withdrawal," the US official said. "You need to restore confidence, and that's one of the things the ministers will be working on."

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, his Egyptian and Jordanian counterparts Amr Moussa and Sharif Zaid Bin Shaker, respectively, and Palestinian Authority Planning Minister Nabil Shaath will attend the meeting in Washington.

While arrangements for the event are still evolving, Israeli officials said that it was fairly easy to pull off logistically because all but Bin Shaker were already scheduled to visit here at various times this week.

Peres is due to arrive this morning from New York, and will address a plenum of the Jewish policy council NJCRAC.

Shaath and Likud head Binyamin Netanyahu will also be addressing today's NJCRAC forum.

The Washington gathering represents an important follow-up to Cairo, and will be the "first in a series of steps designed to energize the peace process, to create a regional umbrella of peacemakers," the official said on Friday. However, he wouldn't reveal what potential steps are under discussion.

The official added that even with the two summits, "no one is trying to isolate or exclude Syria. But I think it's very clear that while the pace of their own track may be driven by their negotiations with the Israelis... they can't slow down the other tracks."

Christopher said in a statement that the Cairo summit "very clearly represented the determination of Egypt, Israel, Jordan and the PLO to do all they can to move the Middle East towards a peaceful future.

DETENTION

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Arafat said that he had tried to involve Egypt and Jordan in a bid to discuss the settlement, redeployment and prisoners issues, but that Rabin had rejected the attempt, saying these were bilateral issues and would be discussed at their meeting at the Erez checkpoint in Gaza on Thursday.

Arafat made no comment on the Cairo summit's condemnation of terrorism, which Palestinians have criticized as one-sided.

Abu Rudeineh said that the PA cabinet in yesterday's weekly meeting "held the Israeli side responsible" for the slow pace of talks, but "understands the necessities of Israeli security and our mutual security problems."

Saeb Erekat, PA minister coordinating the elections talks, told reporters that election talks would resume on Tuesday and Wednesday in Cairo.

The cabinet also discussed last week's donors' conference in Gaza and the promise to implement employment-expanding opportunities in the Gaza Strip.

US commerce chief arrives today in booster visit

JOSE ROSENFELD and HILLEL KUTTLER

US COMMERCE Secretary Ronald Brown will arrive today for a four-day visit aimed at giving US-Israel economic relations a boost as well as promoting regional economic cooperation.

Brown added a last-minute visit to Cairo this morning to show support for Egypt's role in the peace process.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* just prior to departure, Brown said President Clinton had asked him "to stop in Cairo to meet with President Mubarak as a follow-up" to Thursday's summit there.

The extra stop is "another sign of our commitment to the peace process, doing everything we can to assist the process. And obviously, President Mubarak is a very important part of our efforts to secure a lasting peace," Brown said.

One of the highlights of his visit will be a joint announcement, with his counterpart Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish, of three to four joint projects that will receive support from the US-Israel Science and Technology Commission.

The commission, which was created a year ago at President Bill Clinton's and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's initiative, aims to promote joint high technology projects in the private sector by establishing a data base to help identify promising cooperative commercial opportunities and by addressing existing regulatory impediments to joint projects.

At a Washington meeting, last June, Harish and Brown agreed to initially provide $30 million to fund the commission's activities for the next three years.

Since its establishment, the commission received inquiries from 630 firms working in all areas of science and technology, with 108 of them presenting initial project proposals.

Israeli commissioner Ehud Kaufman said Israel presented an impressive list of projects as well as the biggest selection.

According to Kaufman, this relationship could open opportunities to Israel's pharmaceutical industry and increase its access to the US market.

On Wednesday, Brown and Harish will meet in Taba with Egyptian trade minister Mahmoud Muhammed Mahmoud, Jordanian Trade Minister Abu Rarab, and Palestinian Authority trade minister Nabil Sha'ath.

Although no immediate decisions are expected to come out of this meeting, the sides are expecting to establish working groups aimed at opening regional trade. Brown told the *Post* he will utilize visits later this week to Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates to try to widen the umbrella of trade ministers at future meetings.

Brown conceded that "frankly, I think there has been some disappointment at the speed of [regional] economic development" in recent months.

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equally tough in a separate meeting on the final communique. Moussa began by insisting the Egyptian-Israeli draft worked out the day before was actually an Israeli draft. This did not engender Israeli love towards Moussa. In fact, the very senior Israeli official later went so far as to call Moussa "the bad spirit" who is behind much of recent Israel-Egyptian tension.

Sources say Arafat aides Nabil Shaath and Yasser Abed-Rabbo insisted that the communique include the following: a freeze on settlements, a lifting of the closure and "prompt implementation" of the next phase of peace including IDF redeployment.

Peres, who participants said was in a "fighting spirit," objected. He insisted that all Israeli-Palestinian issues be negotiated outside of Cairo, except for the issue of settlements which he indicated was outside the purview of the Oslo accords and could only be dealt with by Israeli unilaterally.

At the peak of the tension, Peres told top Mubarak aide Osama Baz that unless Mubarak agrees to delete these issues, the summit will end in a "fiasco".

The four leaders then decided to drop the news conference idea and instead the joint communique was read to reporters outside by Moussa.

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able opportunity to return to the government," he said.

The Likud yesterday urged Shas to "jump off the political fence once and for all. This is a crucial period and to really make a difference Shas must unequivocally team up with the opposition to force early elections."

ARRIVALS

T. Sparrow, Products and Applications specialist, from Leica Cambridge, England, to participate in the Scanning Electron Microscope Conference held by the Holon Center for Technological Education.

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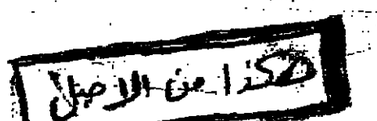
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O.J. defense: Denise Brown ploy unfair

LOS ANGELES (AP) – O.J. Simpson's defense cried "unfair" at the abrupt end to tearful testimony from Nicole Brown Simpson's sister and said prosecutors staged it.

"I saw it coming, and we kept trying to say it's not fair," Johnnie Cochran Jr. said Friday after Denise Brown's dramatic testimony about how Simpson abused and humiliated his wife.

When asked what he felt was unfair, Cochran answered: "If it was planned, is that fair?"

Simpson, perhaps the most famous American to be charged with murder, is accused of slashing to death Ms. Simpson and Ronald Goldman on June 12.

Brown, has stated publicly she believes Simpson killed her sister.

She broke down in tears as she described one incident.

"Are you OK, Ms. Brown?" Deputy District Attorney Christopher Darden asked.

"It's just so hard," she said, sniffing and wiping her eyes with a tissue. "I'll be fine."

Darden started the narrative of the Simpsons' relationship in the late 1980s, when Brown recalled a gathering at Santa Ana restaurant with Simpson, his wife and friends.

"We were all drinking and goofing around and being loud and dancing," Brown said. "At one point, O.J. grabbed Nicole's crotch and said, 'This belongs to me. And this is mine.'

"And Nicole just sort of wrote it off like it was nothing like, you know, like she was used to that kind of treatment," Brown said, her voice choking. "I thought it was really humiliating."

Brown broke down while discussing another incident, at Simpson's home. Simpson and others had been out drinking.

"I told him he took Nicole for granted and he blew up."

"He started yelling at me, 'I don't take her for granted. I do everything for her. I give her everything,'" said Brown, breaking into tears.

"And then a whole fight broke out and pictures started flying off the walls, clothes started flying. He ran upstairs, got clothes, started flying down the stairs.

"And (he) grabbed Nicole, told her to get out of his house, wanted us all out of his house, picked her up, threw her against a wall, picked her up and threw her out of the house."

The jurors and alternates were sent back to their hotel until tomorrow, when Brown returns to the stand.

US, China order sanctions as trade war begins

News agencies

BEIJING

THE United States and China ordered sweeping tit-for-tat sanctions in the feud over intellectual property piracy in China, but gave each a three-week grace period to avert all-out trade war.

US Trade Representative Mickey Kantor made good on a weeks-old promise by slapping up to 100 percent tariffs on a list of Chinese imports worth $1.08 billion – the largest such action in US history.

An hour later, China's foreign trade ministry issued its own list of counter-sanctions, saying it regretted the US action and was forced to defend its "sovereignty and national dignity".

US sanctions will double the price of Chinese goods – big guns in any tariff war between two of the world's biggest trade partners.

China immediately raised tariffs 100 percent on some US imports and announced other retaliatory measures against US companies.

The Chinese move came within minutes of the US sanctions against 35 categories of Chinese goods, covering everything from fishing rods to cellular telephones.

"We cannot stand by while the interests of our fastest-growing, most competitive industries are sacrificed in China," Kantor said.

He said it was necessary because the US failed to resolve China's pirating of American computer programs, movies and music.

The US tariffs go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Feb. 26.

The tariffs would cause companies to stop shipping some Chinese products into the United States, which accounts for 40 percent of China's overseas sales.



US Trade Representative Mickey Kantor holds up an original and a Chinese pirated version of the Microsoft MS-DOS5.0 computer program. The one on the right is the original. (Reuter)

In Beijing, the official Xinhua News Agency paraphrased an unidentified senior trade official as saying that under the country's foreign trade law, "China will have to take counter-retaliatory measures ... to safeguard China's sovereignty and national dignity."

The Chinese official said Beijing plans to raise to 100 percent tariffs on US electronic game players and their software, cassette tapes, compact discs, cigarettes, alcoholic beverages, cosmetics, rolls of film and computer-programmed switchboards.

China also will suspend negotiations with US auto companies seeking to set up joint ventures, suspend approval for US companies and their subsidiaries to set up holding companies, and withhold permission for US audio-visual manufacturers to set up branches or representative offices.

The measures also include breaking off ties with US industry associations such as the Business Software Alliance that have supported Washington's efforts to strengthen China's enforcement of laws protecting patents, copyrights and trademarks.

The Xinhua report did not say when the Chinese retaliatory sanctions will take effect.

US negotiators left Beijing a week ago, after talks broke down and Chinese officials failed to respond to Kantor's request that one last effort be made to resolve the issue before yesterday's deadline.

The stiff tariffs represent the amount of harm the United States claims American businesses suffer because of China's failure to crack down on the theft of US copyrights and patents.

The $1.08 billion list was drawn from an initial list of $2.8 billion in Chinese goods that was published a month ago. Among the hardest hit products are plastics, including picture frames, cellular phones, answering machines, sporting goods and some bicycles.

The plastics category accounts for $465 million; answering machines and cellular phones, $108 million; sporting goods, $78 million, and bicycles, $65 million.

Kantor said the items were selected because they are the fastest-growing Chinese exports to the United States, are mostly made in state-owned factories, and are not components used in the production of US goods – so American businesses would not be hurt.

He added that US consumers would not be hurt because they can easily buy these goods from other sources.

Algeria recalls envoy from Paris, slams Mitterrand

TUNIS (Reuter) – Algeria yesterday called home its ambassador to France, rejecting a peace suggestion by President Francois Mitterrand and accusing him of acting out of personal hatred.

The envoy's recall underscored both Algiers' anger at Mitterrand and its rejection of an opposition plan to end the conflict with Moslem extremists.

"Algeria's ambassador to Paris, Hocine Djoudi, was recalled to Algiers for consultations with the government. This recall is linked to the last statements by President Francois Mitterrand suggesting the holding of a European conference on Algeria," the ministry said in a statement.

In a separate statement later, it said French ambassador Michel Leveque had been summoned to the ministry to explain the statements. He was also told by ministry secretary-general Abdelkader Taffar that Algeria would never accept interference.

Algerian state radio termed Mitterrand's proposal "interference", generated by what it called his hatred of Algerian independence from France in 1962 after a savage eight-year war.

The army-backed authorities have already rejected as interference a "peace platform" drawn up in Rome by opposition politicians, including one from the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front (FIS).

Mitterrand on Friday suggested that this platform, which called for a ceasefire and negotiations to form a transitional government leading to free elections, should be the basis for an EU conference to discuss Algeria.

His proposal was a departure from France's policy of leaving the Algerians to settle their own differences while giving substantial economic aid and some covert military assistance.

It appeared to reflect growing alarm at the scale of violence there, with the risks of refugees fleeing across the Mediterranean and violence spreading to France's five-million- strong Moslem community, mostly of Algerian and Moroccan origin.

Amazon conflict could become 'cat and mouse' war

MARY POWERS

LIMA

THE border war between Peru and Ecuador could turn into one of "cat and mouse" that neither nation can afford. But Peru has more to lose if it concedes ground to its neighbor, analysts say.

They are fighting over dense, mountainous jungle along a 78-km line yet to be demarcated under a 1942 treaty that settled a border war in which Ecuador lost about half its territory to Peru.

In Rio de Janiero, Ecuador's delegate at talks aimed at ending the violent dispute said yesterday he was "deeply concerned" over the delay in reaching a final ceasefire agreement.

Delegates from the two countries, as well as three other Latin American nations – Argentina, Chile and Brazil – and the United States, were locked in intense negotiations to find common ground for a final peace agreement.

On Friday the delegates had reached a provisional ceasefire agreement which was sent to the capital of Peru and Ecuador and of the four guarantor countries to be approved.

In a week of hostilities, Peruvian forces used helicopter gunships and Mirage jets to try to push back Ecuadorean troops from positions Peru claims are within its territory.

"Given the costliness of detecting and then flushing Ecuadorean troops from this rugged terrain, this could turn into a war of cat and mouse," said Enrique Obando, a military analyst at the Peruvian Centre for International Studies.

"Ecuadorean forces are concentrated in four or five posts inside Peru but even if Peruvian troops remove them they (the Ecuadoreans) can infiltrate other areas," he added. "They figure they have nothing to lose but to be thrown out."

By Friday, Peru said 11 Peruvians and 43 Ecuadoreans had been killed, while Ecuador said 33 soldiers had died, 28 of them Peruvians.

Obando said Peru had neglected its vigilance along the unmarked border zone since the late 1980s due to an economic crisis and an internal war against Maoist guerrillas that killed more than 27,000 Peruvians.

Peru's military might is still superior to Ecuador's but not to the extent that it was in the 1970s. In 1981, Peru took two days to repel a border incursion at the "Falsa Paquisha" post. Mobilising troops for that war cost some $200 million.

"Neither side can afford to sustain this very much longer," a seasoned foreign observer of the conflict said in Lima. (Reuter)

Roads choked as Dutch flood evacuees return home

AMSTERDAM (Reuter) – Dutch roads were choked with cars and trucks yesterday as 55,000 flood evacuees made their way home but 140,000 people remained in temporary shelters.

The area around the eastern city of Nijmegen was declared safe but downstream areas of the Maas and Waal rivers still faced a threat from weakened dikes.

"The (provincial) authorities have told me there is no longer any danger (around Nijmegen), but this does not apply to territory further west," Interior Minister Hans Dijkstal said.

"The water levels are receding, but the dike inspectors have not yet declared these places safe," Dijkstal said.

Nijmegen Mayor Ed D'Hondt said water levels had dropped 1.25 metres since their peak Wednesday.

Officials said water levels on the Rhine, Maas and Waal were now falling by 60 cm a day.

Authorities said inhabitants of the remaining evacuated areas would not be allowed to return home yesterday, but there was a chance they would be allowed home today.

Police said roads leading to safe areas were choked with columns of vehicles. The authorities tried to achieve a phased return to prevent congestion.

Dijkstal said the sick and elderly would not return until today to avoid causing them any unnecessary discomfort.

Some 15,000 evacuees from the southern province of Limburg, the first to be flooded, began returning to their homes on Friday after suffering their second major flood in 13 months.

A quarter of a million Dutch people were forced to abandon their homes as ancient dikes threatened to collapse under the pressure of rivers swollen by heavy rainfall and melting snow in Germany, France and Belgium.

The week-long crisis sparked intense criticism of the government and environmentalists for delaying work to strengthen this low-lying country's vital flood defenses.

"I feel very bitter," Limburg housewife Ret Pals said. "They must build a new and bigger dike. They should flood The Hague. Then we'll see what the government does."

Prime Minister Wim Kok announced a compensation scheme late on Friday, but many of the flood victims were disappointed.

Kok said households would have to bear the first 2,000 guilders ($1,176) of damage themselves but that the government would reimburse any damage above this amount.

For those who also suffered in the December 1993 floods, the threshold will be lowered to 1,000 guilders ($588).

Companies will have to bear the first 2,000 guilders of damage and will receive 65 percent of any additional costs, or 90 percent if they were hit by the 1993 floods.

US trying to bolster Moslem-Croat alliance

MUNICH (AP) – Diplomats hope to pressure Bosnian Serbs into accepting a peace plan by convincing them their enemies are united, a top US diplomat said yesterday.

But before they can do that, the Serbs' enemies – Bosnian Croats and Moslems – must patch up their differences.

Shoring up the Moslem-Croat federation will be a priority for diplomats from the so-called Contact Group on the former Yugoslavia, who will meet today in Munich with federation leaders. The contact group comprises the United States, Russia, Britain, France and Germany.

Little progress toward a military and political union has been recorded since Washington brokered the federation last March.

But the US diplomat, Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke, said it is a positive sign that the Bosnian Croats and Moslems had requested the meeting.

Holbrooke wants to show the Serbs "they are up against a united front of Croatians and Moslems."

Dole to Letterman: '96 is no joke

HILLEL KUTLER

WASHINGTON

STRAIGHT-laced Senate majority leader Robert Dole (R-Kansas) picked an unlikely setting to announce he would run for President in 1996 – David Letterman's television program.

"I've thought about it a lot, and every country ought to have a President," the smiling Dole said Friday on Letterman's late-night CBS comedy show.

But not wanting to steal his own spotlight, Dole maintained that the "formal" announcement of his candidacy would come in April.

Dole, 71, has served in both houses of Congress for 35 years and unsuccessfully sought the Republican nomination for President in 1980 and 1988.

The usually dour Dole took a page out of Letterman's nightly Top 10 List feature by presenting his own list. But it turned out to be a Top 7 list because, he said, he believed the budget should be cut by 30 percent.

Dole then proceeded to read from his list the seven ways the US government could save money. Among them:

- ☐ Stop paying President Clinton's speechwriters by the word.
- ☐ Make vice president Al Gore and House speaker Newt Gingrich pay for those good seats at State of the Union addresses.

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Train victim faces accused gunman

MINEOLA, New York (AP) – A victim of the mass shooting on a commuter train testified Friday that he froze as the gunman walked toward him, stared straight into his eyes, and shot him.

Victim Robert Giugliano said he watched as a woman "with an angelic face" was shot in the head, spraying blood around the car.

Giugliano was the first person on the stand to visibly unnerve defendant Colin Ferguson, who is serving as his own lawyer.

While being cross-examined by Ferguson, Giugliano locked his eyes on the defendant.

Ferguson, a Jamaican immigrant, started stumbling over his words and began a half-dozen questions without completing them, then asked the judge for a recess and took a 15-minute break.

Six people were killed and 19 wounded in the Dec. 7, 1993, rampage on a crowded Long Island Rail Road commuter train. Ferguson says the shootings were committed by someone else who grabbed his gun from his bag as he slept.

Giugliano had recounted in detail how he saw the gunman walking toward him through the car, sweeping his gun from right to left as he picked off victims.

"People around me were ducking into seats but I couldn't move," the 39-year-old witness testified. "I was standing there with my briefcase in my hand. I couldn't move. Shots were getting closer."

Then he saw a woman who'd been sitting next to him start crawling on the floor, toward him and the gunman.

"I was looking down, saying 'No,'" Giugliano said. "I was yelling, 'No!' At the next instant the back of her head ... exploded on the floor in front of me. Blood all over.

"I looked her in the eyes. I didn't know who she was. But I remember this face to this day, because when I went home, I remember telling my wife, 'There was this beautiful girl with an angelic face come on the train, and two minutes later she was dead at my feet.'"

Then, he said, the gunman "looked me in the eyes, square in the face and he pointed his gun at me. I remember hearing one shot maybe going over my head and the next one. I was hit."

During cross-examination, when Ferguson asked Giugliano what he did after seeing the woman get shot, Giugliano said in a disgusted tone: "I looked down in disbelief, turned to my left and looked you right in the face."

After Ferguson returned from his break to question Giugliano, he barely paused to hear the answers and, as with much of his cross-examination, the interrogation appeared to have little purpose.

"Did you see when the blood splashed on your feet?" Ferguson asked. "Were you shot at the time you were hit?"

Also on Friday, Judge Donald Belfi denied Ferguson's request to subpoena President Clinton and former New York State Gov. Mario Cuomo, saying Ferguson had failed to prove why their testimony was relevant.



Russian soldiers await instructions on their tanks in Grozny yesterday. (Reuter)

Chechens shoot down Russian fighter

News agencies

KHASAVYURT, Russia

CHECHEN independence fighters shot down a Russian SU-25 warplane yesterday outside the capital Grozny, a Russian television crew said.

Footage by the independent NTV showed parts of the blackened fuselage and turbines of the aircraft scattered in a field about five km southeast of Grozny.

Though Chechen irregulars have shot down Russian helicopters before, it was the first time they had brought down one of the fighter planes.

In a diplomatic blow to Russia, the Moscow-backed Chechen opposition yesterday joined a chorus of worldwide condemnation and accused Russia of widespread brutality during the war.

The harsh statement was issued even as word emerged of another Russian attack on Chechen civilians. Residents of Samashky said Russian helicopters had raked a funeral with machine-gun fire, killing three mourners.

It was the second day people were killed at a funeral in the strategic town located 30 km west of the battered capital.

"Why are they attacking peaceful people?" said Luisa Marsagova, 30, who lives in a two-story brick building overlooking the site of the attack. "Yeltsin is a pig."

Thousands of civilians have been killed since Russian forces rolled into Chechnya on Dec. 11. Many nations, and many Russians, have expressed outrage at the horrific pictures of carnage in Grozny and elsewhere. But the Chechen opposition had remained silent until now.

The condemnation by Moscow's supposed ally against Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev could complicate Russia's troubled efforts to subdue Chechnya and install a government sympathetic to the Kremlin.

The Chechen opposition assailed the shelling of residential areas, looting and the unprovoked killing of civilians.

"These practices are producing dozens of new volunteers, who until now have been loyal towards the federal authorities, to take up arms," said Ruslan Martagov, a spokesman for the opposition Provisional Council.

Martagov also condemned "barbarian and senselessly cruel bombings and shellings of residential districts of Grozny."

The statement, carried by the ITAR-Tass news agency, justified the use of military force in Chechnya, saying Dudayev's policies put Russia "on the brink of disintegration, and it had to take measures to protect its integrity." But, it said, "we must speak about the kind of measures taken to restore constitutional order in Chechnya."

New Russian artillery attacks on the Grozny area were reported yesterday and heavy fighting continued around a bridge over the Sunzha River, the front line in the battle for the capital.

Southwest of Grozny, a deafening artillery bombardment could be heard near the village of Bamut and there were reports the Russians were also shelling rebel strongholds of Argun and Gudermes east of Grozny.

There were also troubling signs the war could spread outside Chechnya. Officials in neighboring Ingushetia said a Russian convoy had opened fire on the Ingush village of Gazi-Yurt. No casualties were reported. A Russian Defense Ministry spokesman told the ITAR-Tass news agency that Russian troops had fired in self-defense.

In Samashky, Chechen witnesses said three helicopters opened fire Friday on a small crowd that had gathered for the funeral of a mother and daughter killed the previous day. Three men died in the attack.

Dozens of people have been killed in Samashky in a week of attacks, and many houses have smashed roofs, broken windows and bullet-scarred walls.

New Yorkers tell all to late-night cabbies

GRANT McCOOL

NEW YORK

LATE at night in New York City people are willing to tell taxicab drivers just about anything.

A new documentary by brothers Joe and Harry Gantz, who specialize in using real people, reveals cabbies and their customers talking about love, death, sex change operations and body piercing.

In *Taxicab Confessions*, a tired rescue squad policeman in Brooklyn tells the driver he has seen people die in every possible way.

"I've seen guys with their heads cut off, blown off, burnt, shot, stabbed, poisoned, hanged, run over by trains, blown up."

The brothers followed a specially-fitted cab around all five boroughs of the city for a month in the summer of 1994, using hidden cameras and microphones to film and record late night conversations on 500 rides. Eleven segments were chosen for the film, which featured on HBO in January and early February.

"As we began working on the show we realised that there probably was no better place to do something like this than in a taxi because it is almost like a mini-confessional," Joe Gantz said. "You only look at the driver through that little rearview mirror. It's dark and it feels safe."

Five cameras about the size of a man's little finger were spread all over the windscreen area and with tape decks in the trunk and an earphone in the driver's ear, the Gantz's were able to watch and hear the conversation and suggest questions to the drivers.

Olga "Cookie" de Jesus, one of the drivers who took part, described the filming as just one of the many experiences she has had driving taxis in New York City for the last 16 years.

"Many people have often said: 'Imagine if you had a tape recorder for the conversations that go on in a cab' and this made it a reality," said Mrs de Jesus, who lives in The Bronx.

In the film, she is seen being propositioned by a young woman customer who has just left an after-hours night club and Mrs de Jesus, married and the mother of five children, uses all her tact and sensitivity in spurning her.

In a seductive voice, the woman whispers: "I've got an urge to see you naked ... I can't believe you're not going to lay with me ... you could lay with me and your husband will never, never, know."

Another young woman in Brooklyn with her head shaven like the Irish singer Sinead O'Connor discusses her "addiction" to body piercing – she has pierced her ears, eyebrows, tongue, nose and even her private parts.

Describing the experience, she tells the driver: "It was the worst pain in my life."

The brothers, who were born in Cincinnati, Ohio, have filmed and produced other television documentaries exploring real-life experiences, including *Couples Arguing* and *Life at Random*.

In *Couples Arguing*, real couples would contact the crew by beeper whenever they started arguing and *Life at Random* has a talk-show format with people selected at random to talk about their most emotional experiences.

"*Life at Random* is really a precursor to *Taxicab Confessions* based on the premise we had that everyone's life has an incredible story ... most people have a moment that changed them or made them who they are," Harry said.

In Manhattan one night, a 25-year-old transsexual starts talking about just such a moment – the sex-change operation her parents paid $27,000 for when she was 17.

"I said to them 'I'm a woman, goddammit, take me out of this body'," and she tells the incredulous cabbie that the operation is so well done that "they say a gynaecologist don't know it."

The Gantz brothers said 85% of the hundreds of people who were filmed gave permission for their segments to be used. Those whose lives were most revealed were the most willing to participate in the project, said Harry Ganz.

"All of these people are night people, who have a tendency to be living on the edge." (Reuter)

British police arrest 50 in anti-animal cruelty demos

LONDON (Reuter) – Police arrested more than 50 people protesting against the export of veal calves to Europe on Friday and said once-peaceful demonstrations were becoming violent.

The extremist Animal Liberation Front (ALF) said it would increase its activities after the death of Jill Phipps, a 31-year-old protester who was crushed by a lorry carrying calves at Coventry airport on Wednesday.

"It's not a game of cricket we're dealing with, it's a holocaust...The rivers of blood are flowing stronger than ever and we need to stop it," ALF spokesman John Curtin told BBC television.

"I'm not talking about willy-nilly (violence) – I'm talking about actions that are planned to stop suffering."

Children, elderly men and women and other people who say they have never been part of the animal rights movement have joined weeks of protests aimed at stopping the exports. Veal calves in Europe are often kept virtually motionless in tiny crates to tenderise their flesh, a practice outlawed in Britain.

But police say demonstrators have started throwing stones and bottles at cattle trucks and police, and windows have been smashed in some of the protests.

Assistant Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall John Albon said the demonstrators were being infiltrated by trouble-makers, including soccer "rowdies" and militant animal rights activists.

But he said most demonstrators were breaking the law. "Middle class, innocent, elderly ladies, people carrying children, were sitting or lying down in the road. That is illegal...They are as much party as the people throwing the bricks and bottles as anyone else," he said.

In the southwestern English port of Plymouth, a senior police officer was in hospital with serious head injuries after being hit by a brick when he tried to help a protester believed to have suffered a heart attack.

Demonstrators accuse the police of heavy-handed tactics and say they are instigating violence.

Dozens of protesters were arrested across the country on Friday. The largest numbers were at Coventry airport after Phoenix Aviation, a carrier specialising in livestock shipments, resumed flights that had been suspended after Phipps's death.

Compassion in World Farming, the group at the forefront of opposition to live exports for slaughter, called the move "incredibly insensitive". A spokesman for the group said protests would accelerate over the coming weeks.

Some politicians sympathised with the protesters. Eric Martlew, an opposition Labour Party member of Parliament, offered a bill that would have banned exports where animals were likely to be housed or fed in a way that was illegal in Britain.

But opponents blocked any discussion of the bill by reading from encyclopaedias and telephone books until the time was up.

Albright: Clinton should veto 'fatal' Congress UN legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Clinton's UN ambassador said yesterday an opposition Republican proposal could mean "destruction of UN peacekeeping," and she would recommend a presidential veto if Congress enacts it.

Ambassador Madeleine Albright branded as "fatally flawed" and unconstitutional a measure under which the United Nations would be required to reimburse the United States for some peacekeeping contributions.

As a member of Clinton's cabinet, "I will recommend a veto" if it passes both houses of Congress, she asserted at a State Department news conference. Overriding the veto requires a two-thirds vote of each house.

The legislation endorsed by the House of Representatives International Affairs Committee last Tuesday, is among foreign policy and defense pledges of the "Contract With America" used by the Republicans in their successful campaign to gain control of Congress in the midterm election last November.

Albright said the next candidate for a major peacekeeping operation might be Angola. Any final UN Security Council decision will depend on durability prospects of the settlement between the government and UNITA rebels in the Southwest African country, she said.

UN forces would be deployed "according to all the lessons that we have learned" recently about oversight and clarifying of mandates, and with "enough conditionality" so that the council could "stop it at any particular point."

She also reiterated US support for Japan and Germany as permanent members of a UN Security Council expanded from its current 15 members. But the expansion may be finalized too late to go into effect as hoped for in 1995, the UN 50th anniversary year, she said.

As new economic powers, Germany and Japan "need to be part of the decision-making process," the ambassador said.

72 journalists died for the news in '94

NEW YORK (AP) – A record 72 journalists were killed in the line of duty last year, including 19 murdered by Algerian terrorists and 14 killed while working in battle zones, the Committee to Protect Journalists reported yesterday.

An additional 13 journalists' deaths from 1994 were under investigation as political murders, the New York-based group said in its annual report. In all, 58 of the slayings appeared to be deliberate assassinations, the report said.

"We have never seen so many premeditated murders," said CPJ Chairwoman Kati Marton. "Political assassination has become the leading cause of job-related death among reporters worldwide."

The most dangerous country for journalists was Algeria, where 19 were killed in 1994. All but one were Algerian nationals; the Armed Islamic Group, which claimed responsibility for most of the deaths, has announced a "death penalty" against all local journalists, the committee said.

Battle-related deaths included five in Bosnia, three in Somalia, two in Chechnya, two in South Africa, one in Angola and one in Rwanda. The previous high death total was 64 in 1993.

The Committee to Protect Journalists, founded in 1981, is a private group dedicated to promoting respect for free media.

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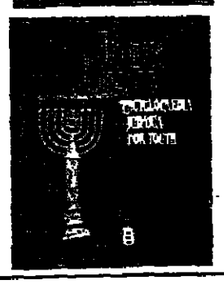
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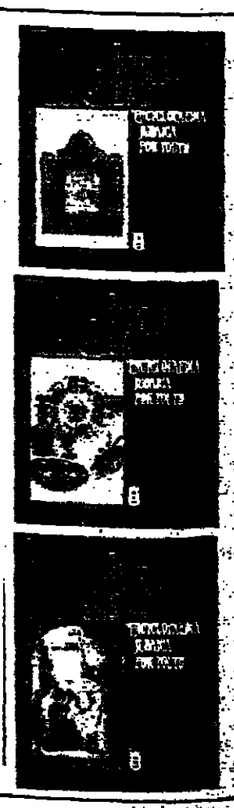


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Compensation for ringworm treatment

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

THE doctors and nurses meant well – for decades high-dose radiation had been the "treatment of choice" for the skin disease known as ringworm. But that "treatment" is now haunting some 20,000 Israelis, who received it 35 to 50 years ago.

Hundreds have developed cancer, and perhaps thousands are doomed to contract some of the most serious forms of the disease.

Now the government, while insisting that radiation was a routine treatment for the fungal disease, has decided to offer financial compensation to these victims or their descendants.

Hearings last year in the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee, then headed by MK Amir Peretz, led to a law providing compensation for anyone who underwent radiation for ringworm and has since developed cancer.

Obviously, an unknown number would have developed cancer even without the radiation, but there is no need to prove a causal link; to do so is practically impossible. One-time grants or monthly pensions, depending on the severity of the disability, will be disbursed on a case-by-case basis.

Former immigrants who underwent such radiation may file applications for compensation in district health offices. Only those who arrived between January 1946 and December 1960 and were irradiated and later developed cancer may apply.

A committee of experts will vet each case and set disability ratings. Those with a 40 to 74 percent disability will get a one-time compensation of NIS 50,000; those with over 75 percent disability will receive a one-time grant of NIS 100,000, while monthly allowances may also be awarded. Those with lesser disability may also receive assistance, as may the survivors of radiation victims.

Most of the victims arrived as children during the years of mass immigration before the founding of the state or during the following decade. Nearly all were immigrants from North Africa, Asia and the Middle East and were irradiated by government order only a few days after their arrival.

Ringworm is a fungus that infects the skin, usually the scalp, but it may also appear on the torso and soles of the feet. On the head, it shows up as round red rings of itchy scales that make the hair fall out. It is highly contagious, transmitted by contact with infected people or cats and dogs. It is most common where living conditions are filthy and crowded.

Today ringworm is regarded as an infectious annoyance rather than a public-health danger. Decades ago it was regarded as a "plague."

"It was very traumatic," recalls Aviv Yosef, a retired carpenter living in Jaffa who heads the Association of Ringworm Radiation Victims. "I was 16 at the time; our family had arrived from Syria and moved into the immigrant camp near Haifa only three days before.

"The nurse shaved our heads and poured hot wax on to remove all the hairs from their roots. Then we were sent for radiation. I myself never had ringworm," he claims.

"They mistakenly diagnosed a different condition. But I underwent several radiation treatments. Nobody explained why they were doing this to us, and no one asked our permission," says Yosef, now a married father of three and grandfather of six. He had to stop working in 1977 because he developed tumors in his brain; he has since undergone two operations for their removal.

Yosef's association works out of a tiny office in Jaffa and has a membership of some 3,500. He says that about 20,000 immigrant children with ringworm (and a number who had been misdiagnosed) were irradiated; some underwent this treatment in their native countries but under Israeli auspices even before they immigrated.

Yosef claims that 80 percent of those who underwent this high-dose radiation of some 130 Rads each time will eventually be diagnosed with cancer. About 200 of them are dying of cancer each year, he says.

Prof. Baruch Modan, a clinical epidemiologist at Sheba Hospital with a specialty in cancer, says he has been studying ringworm and cancer for 30 years, "ever since I did my first paper on it in medical school."

Looking at population records here, Modan found 90 percent of those who had undergone radiation for ringworm and compared them with cancer records.

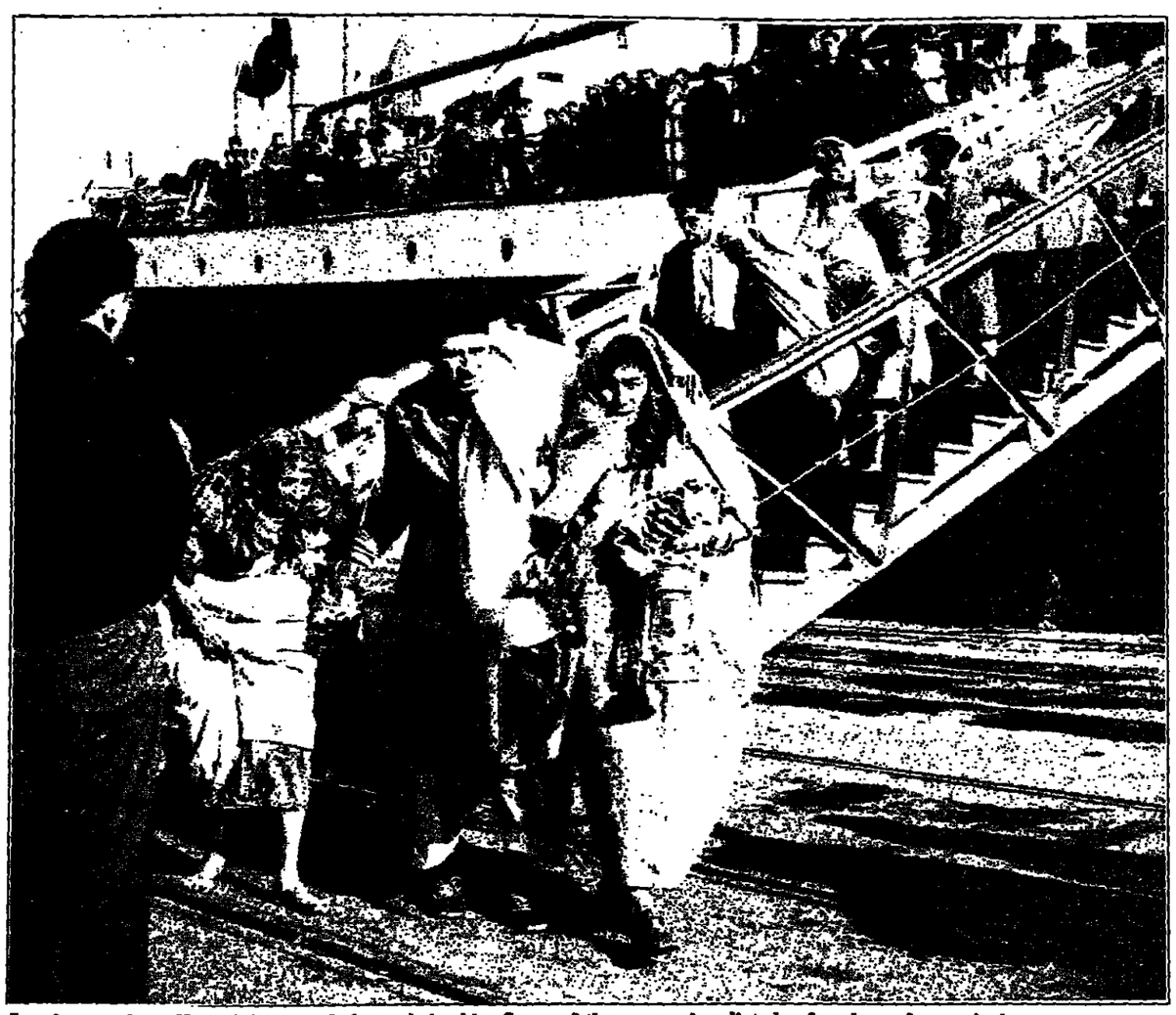
Modan and his colleagues matched some 11,000 ringworm patients who had been irradiated with control groups that had not. "The irradiated group showed a 70 percent excess risk for cancer," he says. Most of the cancers affect the brain, head and neck, but thyroid, breast and blood cancers also resulted. Cancers of the brain were four to eight times more likely to appear in those who were irradiated than in those who escaped such treatment.

"About half of them were six to eight years old when irradiated; the cancer risk seems to be higher the younger the age at the time of treatment. We haven't even begun to look for the possible effects, including fertility problems, among the children of the victims," Modan says. "It's a possibility."

Yosef, resigned to his disability and poor prospects, remains angry at the government despite its decision to compensate the victims. "I was given a 74 percent disability, so I will get NIS 50,000. But I will never forget that the government put its head in the sand for all these years.

"When they learned that radiation can cause cancer, why didn't they search us out and warn us so we could be under close medical supervision?

"I want all ringworm victims to be treated with honor and to receive tax exemptions in addition to outright grants."



Immigrants from Tripoli disembark from their ship. Some of them were irradiated a few days after arrival. (Arnold Behr)

Doctors to sportsmen: Guard your hearts

HEALTH SCAN

POST HEALTH REPORTER

ALL professional and amateur sportsmen who once fainted, suffered from chest pains or irregular heartbeat or have a family history of sudden death from cardiac arrest should be screened, suggest two physicians at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv.

Drs. Yitzhak Shapira and Amos Pines of the cardiology and internal medicine departments write about sudden death in athletes in the latest issue of *Harefuah*.

While physical fitness can slow the development of heart disease, they note, intensive exercise can damage the heart muscle of people who suffer from congenital heart defects, thickening of the heart muscle or coronary artery disease.

Sudden death among athletes is not common, because they are usually younger and fitter than the general population; when it does happen, it is a great shock. A *New England Journal of Medicine* study in 1993 found that it occurs in one person per 780,000 hours of mountain climbing and one person in 1,630,000 hours of skiing. But a number of local and foreign studies have found ischemic heart disease (clogging of the coronary arteries) responsible for 75 percent of sudden death in joggers.

Sportsmen over the age of 40 should be careful when they exert themselves, especially if they have symptoms of heart disease or are otherwise at risk. A defect in the coronary arteries is most commonly the cause of sudden death in sportsmen under the age of 30. In either case, sudden death was more likely to occur during physical exertion than when at rest. Taking anabolic steroids, arrhythmia and myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle due to infection) may also be responsible.

The Football Association requires all players to undergo medical examinations, including an electrocardiogram, before they are accepted into teams; some are also sent for an echocardiograph exam. Children undergo stress tests before getting onto a teenage team, and sportsmen over 35 must pass annual exams. A bill that would set up mandatory requirements for all sportsmen is currently before the Knesset.

While it is not economically feasible to conduct extensive physical examinations of all those who engage in sport, no matter what their age, at least those with symptoms or family histories of heart problems should be routinely examined, write the Ichilov doctors.

In addition, trainers, masseurs and team managers should be required be take resuscitation courses periodically, and lifesaving equipment should be available in all sports facilities.

SUPPORT IN ENGLISH FOR ALZHEIMER FAMILIES

The Alzheimer's Association of Israel wants to organize self-help groups for English-speaking families struck by the disease. Dr. Hinda Katz, a social worker with the Tel Aviv-based association, believes there are many families unable to cope with this progressive form of dementia but don't know where to find help. Support groups for relatives who must deal with the problem daily can provide this aid, she says.

"Families can break up when one member is diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Women who must care for a parent are sometimes threatened with divorce by their spouse."

There are a number of Hebrew-speaking support groups around the country, but none in English, says Katz. "I believe there is a need. The aging of the population has made Alzheimer's a growing phenomenon.

In the US, 5 percent of people aged 65 to 74, 10 percent of those aged 75 to 80 and 20 percent of those over 80 suffer from the incurable disease. There are no reliable Israeli statistics."

At least five families are needed to form a support group; sessions are free and led by either a social worker or an experienced family member on a voluntary basis.

Anyone interested in a support group may call Katz at (03) 922-0712. The association, directed by Shosh Efrat, can also be reached at any time of the day or night at (03) 535-3741.

NO HELP FOR FLUNKING MDs

The Health Ministry refuses to finance training courses for Israelis who graduated from foreign medical schools but failed the local pre-internship exam, even though the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee decided that the ministry should do so.

The committee recently approved for first reading a bill that would exempt Israeli medical students who graduated abroad from taking the exam if they started their studies before 1988. Committee chairman Yossi Katz criticized the ministry for not carrying out its "commitment" from December 5 to finance the courses, which were prepared by the local medical schools.

But the ministry insists it is not responsible for training members of this group, who have failed the exam several times, and has even less obligation to finance this training. The ministry, insisted a spokeswoman, has no budget for this purpose, and the committee lacked the authority to force a government ministry to subsidize such a course. Instead, it calls on the medical graduates to pay the course fee themselves.

Aspirin can be a life-saver

Rx FOR READERS

POST HEALTH REPORTER

I heard that someone who suffers from acute coronary insufficiency can chew two aspirin tablets a day and greatly increase his chances of surviving the initial attack before getting medical care. Should everyone at risk take aspirin along with him for emergency treatment of sudden chest pains? G.J., Petah Tikva.

Prof. Mervyn Gotsman, chief of cardiology at the Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, answers:

We do recommend that such people chew 100 milligrams of aspirin every morning. If they don't do so regularly, at least they should take it with them and chew it immediately upon feeling symptoms of a heart attack.

Aspirin dissolves clots in coronary arteries. If it is chewed, it works immediately by penetrating the mucous membrane and entering the bloodstream; if it is only swallowed, it goes through the digestive system and takes a couple of hours to take effect.

Studies show that chewed aspirin is nearly as effective in reducing mortality after a heart attack as clot-busting injected drugs such as streptokinase.

Coated, buffered aspirin should be taken on a long-term basis by patients who have suffered symptoms, because uncoated aspirin somewhat increases the risk of ulcers. But for emergencies, regular aspirin is recommended, since it works fast.

My four-year-old son is happy and healthy, but he occasionally talks to himself while playing, usually when I'm not near him. When I come into the room, he stops. Is this normal, or something to worry about? C.D., Nahariya.

Prof. David Branski, head of pediatrics at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, replies:

It is quite normal for a young child to talk to himself during play. The only time there is cause for worry is if he should *only* talk to himself and cut off communication with others. This habit can continue for years. Sometimes adolescent girls talk to their dolls, and although it is less frequent, older boys may have the same habit. There is absolutely no reason to worry.

A friend told me that if one misses taking a contraceptive pill one day, taking several the day after having sexual relations can prevent any embryo that was conceived from taking root in the uterus. Is this true? Is it safe? B.F., Tel Aviv.

Prof. Marek Glezerman, head of gynecology and obstetrics at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba, comments:

Large amounts of the hormone estrogen, which contraceptive pills contain, can prevent a day-old embryo from implanting in the uterus. But a woman should not take a larger dose of the Pill than she has been prescribed for contraception without consulting with her doctor about using it as a "morning-after" pill.

Women sensitive to large doses of estrogen who take several pills after unprotected sex can suffer from side effects including nausea and vomiting.

Although the Pill contains both estrogen and progesterone, it is the estrogen that may prevent implantation, but the progesterone will not interfere with this process.

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Group promotes learning as healing, education as recovery

POST HEALTH REPORTER

AMIT Sep, a second grader in Safed, suffers from a severe allergy that prevents him from going outdoors in daylight and even forces him to wear sunglasses at home. Light makes his eyes fill with secretions and clouds his vision. Unable even to watch TV, the boy has a lifeline – an intercom phone link between his bed at home and his classroom.

This was made possible by Tlalim (the Hebrew acronym for Instructional Support for Isolated Children). At any given moment, there are 1,000 children around the country who, because of various types of illnesses, cannot go to school for long periods of time.

"I feel I'm part of the class, and I even ask and answer questions," says Amit, who often has to be left at home alone until his mother, a kindergarten teacher, and his older sister and brother return. His favorite subject is math, but he'd like to be an artist when he grows up.

Already absent from school for 18 months, Amit says his doctors believe the allergy will go away in adolescence. In the meantime, Tlalim sends a teacher from Karmiel to the Sep home once a week, for which the family is very grateful, and the intercom line to the State Elementary School Gimel gives him daily contact.

Another boy, Ron, was seriously injured in a road accident and lies at home in Netanya in a body cast to his neck. He too is linked to his classroom by a phone line, the installation of which was paid for by Bezek.

Tlalim, now celebrating its fifth anniversary, has hooked up 10 such direct phone lines to classrooms. Most of its efforts go toward providing children in their homes with tutors, computers and individualized software learning packages.

The organization was founded and directed by Atara Rosik-Rosen, a veteran high-school teacher who helped establish Jerusalem's Denmark School and taught at the Boyer High School. Coming across many children who were kept at home because of chronic illness, Rosik-Rosen was encouraged by Dr. Dan Sharon (director-general of the Education Ministry from 1989 to 1991) to set up a voluntary organization to meet their needs.

Since then, 5,000 children aged six to 18 – Jews, Moslems, Christians and Druse – have been able to study at home thanks to Tlalim. Once able to return to school, many of them are doing so well that they find themselves ahead of their classes, says Rosik-Rosen.

The ministry is required by law to provided only five hours of tutoring a week to children who cannot go to school. Those who are hospitalized can attend classes in the wards, but many more who receive only outpatient treatment are at home and have no access to such classes.

"Although Tlalim does not attempt to deal in any manner with physical or psychological aspects of illness," Rosik-Rosen says, "it has been found that educational support is a vital factor in the child's recovery. By being involved in his studies, he reinforces his attachment to life. This contributes to his physical and psychological well-being."

A day before the interview, 10 children were burned in a Rishon Lezion school fire, one seriously. "I am certain that after initial treatment to stabilize the patient, this child will need Tlalim," says Tlalim's administrative director Rita Barashi.

Orit, 15, from a moshav in the Judean Hills, has been absent from school for three years, because she suffers from kidney failure and undergoes dialysis regularly.

A teenage boy named Mahmoud from Beit Safafa in Jerusalem was struck by leukemia four years ago; he undergoes chemotherapy and as a result has a weak immune system. Forbidden to rejoin his class to avoid infection by ordinarily harmless viruses and bacteria, he keeps up with his studies through regular visits by a tutor and a personalized curriculum on his computer.

Forty teachers, their salaries paid by the ministry, serve as case managers; they visit youngsters in their homes to assess exactly their educational and physical needs. Then volunteer teachers are matched up with the pupils to provide tutoring and help them, if necessary, to work on one of the 200 computers at Tlalim's disposal. Some of the software has been specially adapted, with a donation from Bank Discount, to suit the needs of the children.

Three years ago, with help from the Israel Cancer Association, Tlalim opened a Distant Learning Center in Tel Aviv. Since then, centers have opened in Jerusalem and Haifa. Youngsters are provided with computer modems that allow on-line dialogue between them and a specially trained teacher at each center. And in Petah Tikva, gifted high-school pupils volunteer to communicate by electronic mail with bedridden children who need help with their studies.

Tlalim – at 18 King David Street in Jerusalem, tel. (02) 259389, 242978 – receives some support from government ministries, local authorities and computer software companies, but it also seeks tax-free donations here and abroad to continue and expand its work.



Shai Harache has a lesson with Irit Prince, a teacher who helps sick children keep up with classmates. (Miriam Sushman)

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The summit aftermath

NOT surprisingly, the Cairo summit has been hailed by its begetter, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, as a great breakthrough. Neither he nor Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin seems worried by the absence of substantive progress in the four-way meeting. The very fact that an Israeli prime minister has met with three Arab leaders simultaneously, they aver, is incontrovertible proof that Israel is a regional player, integrated in the Middle East.

But the summit's consequences belie these optimistic suppositions. Peres's return to the driver's seat in determining the pace of the process means a turnabout in Israel's direction. Before the Cairo summit, it was clear that Rabin, shaken by the growing intensity and mounting toll of Palestinian terrorism, had decided to suspend the process.

True, Rabin rejected President Ezer Weizman's call for an official suspension. But he was obviously disturbed by the security services' doubts about Israel's ability to prevent even more terrorist attacks if Israel withdraws from Arab population centers in Judea and Samaria. As a result, he decided not only to call a halt to the plans for withdrawal, but to suspend the release of terrorist prisoners and the Palestinian elections. Instead, he began talking of "separation," a concept which, for practicality, matches his wish that the Gaza Strip should fall into the sea.

It was at this point that Peres intervened, realizing that the suspension of the process would spell its collapse. Peres believes that without Israeli withdrawal, and with the continued closure making it impossible for Arabs from the territories to work in Israel, Yasser Arafat would lose whatever credibility he has left. His supporters would join the "armed struggle," and Israel, digging in, would have to retaliate with ever greater force. It is not the stuff of which peace is made.

That is why the Cairo declaration opens with the commitment of the parties to "moving promptly to conclude the negotiations on the interim agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority in all its aspects."

Clearly, Rabin expects Arafat to take tougher measures against terrorists before Israel agrees to further withdrawal, even though the Cairo communique included only a general condemnation of "all outbreaks of bloodshed, terror and violence in the region." (The formulation cannot offend even the Islamic Jihad, for in the Arab parlance "terror and violence" refer to Jews planting trees on a desolate hill; the bombing of a city bus is part of the "armed struggle for liberation.")

And it can be safely assumed that Arafat promised to try harder to curb the terrorists. (This he has never done. In a rare moment of candor, PLO official Nabil Shaath admitted what was apparent for a long time: that the arrest – and almost immediate release – of terrorist leaders was only "a show.")

Indeed, by last night the airwaves were swamped with news of Palestinian Police warnings to Hamas against striking at Israeli targets, of the harsh conditions in which Islamic Jihad leader Abdullah Shami is being held, and of suicide bombings prevented by the Palestinian Authority.

The government must hope that this time the crackdown is not just "a show," for the degree of its success will determine the immediate fate of the Oslo agreement. A few months of quiet will enable the government to rationalize the army's withdrawal from the Arab towns of Judea and Samaria even before bypass roads are built. And this in turn will allow Palestinian elections to be held, prisoners to be released, and the "final status" negotiations to begin by next year.

What the Cairo summit has made clearer than ever is that there are two perceptions of the Oslo agreement in the government. Rabin still seems to believe that the Israeli evacuation of "Gaza and Jericho first" was intended as an experiment. If Arafat proved he could rule, if he showed that the vast majority of Palestinians recognized him as their leader, and if he could eliminate terrorism, or at least curb it, Israel would let him have Judea and Samaria.

For Peres, forfeiting Gaza and Jericho was but a first step which had to be followed by the next step in the inexorable march to the complete evacuation of the territories. No matter how unsuccessful the implementation of the first stage may be, nor how blatantly the Palestinians violate the agreement's most basic principles, the Declaration of Principles must be pursued to its logical end.

As Peres already admits in private, and as the world community has always expected, this end is the establishment of a Palestinian state with part of Jerusalem as its capital. If the Palestinians achieve this goal, Peres believes, true peace will reign. Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the PLO's radical factions will either join the moderates in sharing the peace pie, or they will be suppressed by a PLO whose prestige and strength will be immeasurably enhanced by the establishment of a state. Friendly cooperation between the three neighboring entities – Palestine, Jordan and Israel – will ensue, and a Middle Eastern Benelux will become reality.

That serious leaders can still believe in these dreams of regional utopia seems incredible. But the fact is that the Cairo communique, with its "full speed ahead" message, is a triumph of the Peres concept. As so many times in the past, Peres has proved that Rabin's essentially healthy instincts are no match for his own cunning and diplomatic skills.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"PREMATURE ADVOCATES"

Sir, – Former Secretary of State Baker, the Rabin administration, Secretary of State Christopher, AIPAC, and others who favor US troops on the Golan have continually stated that it is "premature" for Congress to study the feasibility of stationing American troops on the Golan as part of the peace settlement between Israel and Syria.

Rabin and the other "premature advocates" want US troops on the Golan because they know that the majority of Israelis would not approve of Israel's divestiture of the Golan without having US troops on the Golan.

What they are trying to accomplish with the "premature" concept is to have Israel and Syria sign an agreement with the US troops as the linchpin and then face Congress with a fait accompli. This would place Congress in the uncomfortable position of agreeing to the stationing of US troops on the Golan or being accused of preventing the Israel-Syria peace accord from taking effect.

Congress should have the opportunity of carefully weighing all of the facts and opinions without having a sword over their head before making a judgment.

It would be unwise to station US troops on the Golan based upon our experiences in Lebanon, Somalia, Bosnia, and the fact that terrorists (either on their own or under Syria's aegis) could and probably would cause US deaths and casualties in the treacherous terrain of the Golan.

If Israel were to rely upon US troops on the Golan, and if the troops were to leave for whatever reason, Israel would be faced with the same problem which existed from 1948 to 1967 when Syria fired into northern Israel from the Golan on almost a daily basis.

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TENDENTIOUS VIEW

Sir, – Leaving aside the question whether or not a street should be named after Joshua Goldsmidt – one of the planners of the King David Hotel bombing and the attack on Deir Yassin – it is regrettable that the letter on the subject by Betty Shiloah and 75 other Jerusalemites (January 20) is tendentious and unbalanced.

The King David Hotel was bombed in July 1946 because it housed the British military headquarters. Several calls were made to the hotel warning the British to evacuate the building, but they chose to ignore all the warnings.

While there are conflicting versions of the events at Deir Yassin (April 1948), it is now accepted that it was not a premeditated terrorist attack on a peaceful population. The village did have military importance, being on the communication line to besieged Jerusalem. The residents put up a strong resistance and there were casualties on the Jewish side.

However, what riles me most in the letter is the accusation that the Hadassah convoy was attacked as a direct consequence of the Deir Yassin massacre. There were numerous Arab murders of Jewish civilians in Palestine before Deir Yassin, including the pogroms of 1921 and 1929 and the murder of hundreds of Jews in the "Great Arab Revolt" of 1936-39. Prior to the War of Independence, in 12 days alone following the UN partition plan of November 29, 1947, 79 Jews were killed by Arabs throughout Palestine. This was before Deir Yassin. To argue, therefore, that the Hadassah convoy massacre would not have taken place were it not for Deir Yassin is an insult to the intelligence.

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Jerusalem.

VICTORY OF ZIONISM

Sir, – In presenting the recent no-confidence motion to the Knesset (January 24), the leader of the opposition charged the government, among other things, with abandoning the principles of Zionism.

With due respect, it might be useful to remind Mr. Netanyahu and those of our people whom he represents, of a couple of facts of which they may not be sufficiently aware.

Seventeen years ago, on December 28, 1977, the late prime minister Begin submitted to the Knesset a program for *self-rule* for the "Palestinian Arabs, residents of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district, which will be instituted upon the establishment of peace." Among its 23 clauses, there were several particularly remarkable ones.

Residents of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district... will be granted free choice of either Israeli or Jordanian citizenship.

...will be entitled to vote for, and be elected to, the Knesset....

...will be entitled to acquire land and settle in Israel.

Another fact worth recalling is that, in 1947, we joyfully accepted the Partition Plan. The Jewish State according to that plan did not include Nahariya, Acre, Nazareth, Jaffa, Ramle, Lod and Beersheba, nor any of Jerusalem, nor the Jerusalem corridor. Still, "our people were overjoyed" as Menahem Begin reported in his book *The Revolt*. If today, almost 50 years later, our Palestinian neighbors are ready to make a settlement with us, based on the 1967 borders, i.e. be content with 20 percent of Mandatory Palestine, then common sense would make us to grasp the opportunity with both hands. It would be outright folly to reject it.

Rather than a departure from Zionism, it surely is the victory of Zionism for which we have hoped and prayed for a century.

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The never-ending story

SHALVA WEIL

WHAT is it about Ethiopian Jews that keeps them in the limelight? Is it the color of their skin, or their fascinating culture? Or is it because theirs was a simple technology, while ours is becoming more and more complex?

They hail from a society where – in contrast to ours – time means little, and their traditional religious practice seems marvelously "biblical" to Israelis, who mostly define themselves as "secular."

Whether or not this is an attraction of opposites, there is something about Ethiopian immigrants that touches a nerve in Israeli society; and the Ethiopians, who are masters of story-telling, drama and oral culture, love to feed our fascination with them.

When the stories of their trek to Sudan in the 1980s slowly unfurled, Israelis conjured up images of the Holocaust. Their complaints about housing conditions here cast shadows of the *ma'abarot* tent cities of the Fifties.

Many Ethiopian Jews have been in Israel for 20 years now. Nearly 8,000 arrived in Israel 10 years ago in Operation Moses. Some 14,000 were brought here by Operation Solomon in May 1991. Today there are 53,000 immigrants of Ethiopian origin in Israel.

Ever since their initial aliya in the 1970s, the Ethiopian Jews have been subjected to a relentless media barrage on almost every social issue. Over the past decade alone, a wide variety of extraordinary topics – some sordid, some sensational – have received wide, some might say exaggerated, coverage.

Take the immigrants' difficulties in adjusting to 20th-century Israeli life.

There were stories that almost seemed to ridicule immigrants who burned their hands on gas rings, not knowing what they were, or washed their dishes in toilet bowls, never having seen a toilet before. And there were detailed reports of women shutting themselves up in closets for a week during their menstrual periods, in the absence of the menstruating huts they habituated in Ethiopian villages.

By 1985, the media were heavily into the protracted demonstration by Ethiopian Jews who had recently arrived from Amharic-speaking areas against the symbolic conversion that the Chief Rabbinate was forcing upon them.

The effects of the perceived humiliation suffered by members of the community were said to have lasted for months. Some say they left permanent psychological scars.

TOWARD the end of the 1980s, other issues took center-stage. Most disturbing were the high suicide rate among Ethiopian Jews in Israel, and the number of wives murdered by their husbands. Researchers (this one included) pointed to the high divorce rate and the relatively large number of one-parent families among Ethiopian Jews.

> The media's pursuit of Ethiopian Jews is finally beginning to shatter Israelis' cherished illusions about this 'model community'

Israelis' illusions that this was a model community were beginning to crumble.

The real problems emerged in the Nineties, with the issue of the "Feles Mura," Jews who had converted to Christianity in Ethiopia. Demonstrations called for the immigration of relatives whom the Jewish Agency had in the past refused to rescue. A community of Jews from Qwara, a remote area in Ethiopia, who were publicly said to number 1,000, suddenly numbered 5,000, and there were rumors of hundreds of thousands of Feles Mura.

Furthermore, the status of the *kessotch*, the community priests, was said to have been undermined. Strange bedfellows of ex-Christians and left- and right-wing Israeli religious movements fought to demand recognition of the status of the *kes* as rabbi.

Media interest in the Ethiopian immigrants didn't flag; housing and education scandals affecting the community made, and continue to make, good newspaper copy.

Then, last year, the media caught on to what doctors and anthropologists had known for several years: that the immigrants' lengthy wait in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa prior to Operation Solomon had exposed the Jews to AIDS, causing a terminal problem.

This year has barely begun, and already a sinister new issue has raised its head, and been eagerly taken up by the media.

Last month, Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban ordered an investigation into complaints that Pentecostal missionaries were actively proselytizing among Ethiopian teenagers and students.

Again, researchers and members of the community had known about this for years. But politicians, journalists, community leaders and *kessotch* alike preferred to pretend the problem didn't exist.

The missionary issue will not be the only hot story about Ethiopian Jews this year. There are already murmurings about pockets of juvenile delinquency in what has up till now been portrayed as a well-disciplined community.

And so far, nobody has focused on the distress of aged Ethiopian Jews and the terrible conditions in which they live, especially compared to their increasingly prosperous children.

If none of these issues catch media interest, there's always that hardy perennial: racism.

Clearly, the media – and their consumers – continue to be fascinated by these Jews who seem so different from other Israelis and yet are becoming more and more like them, with emerging social problems that sound depressingly familiar.

Maybe not until the "issues" disappear and the heightened interest dies down will Ethiopian Jews be said to have been truly "absorbed" into society.

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POSTSCRIPTS

NOOSE BULLETIN: Sydney Dernley is dead.

Britain's last surviving hangman, who took part in the execution of 25 people, including one who was posthumously pardoned before the 1969 abolition of the death penalty, died of natural causes.

"My husband was a very unassuming man, fond of a joke and a pint of beer. He was very popular," his 73-year-old widow, Joyce, said. "He was a craftsman, like a carpenter, if you like. He took a pride in his job but he wasn't a callous man. Nobody suffered, he was very quick," she said.

Dernley, 73, was assistant to chief executioner Albert Pierrepoint from 1948 to 1953. He continued to maintain that Timothy Evans, whom he helped hang in 1950, was guilty of wife murder even after Evans was granted a posthumous pardon.

Dernley was particularly proud of carrying out the fastest hanging on record. They hanged James Inglis in seven seconds from his arrival at the gallows to the trap-door opening. Inglis was convicted of murdering a prostitute.

Dernley once said: "I was a professional and I wanted to achieve the fastest hanging ever. I did one chap in seven seconds. They should place that in the *Guinness Book of Records*."

They didn't.

He believed his penchant for gallows humor ended his career when Pierrepoint was offended by a joke Dernley made.

A writer who visited Dernley a week before his death said: "He was a bit of a joker, really. When he answered the door, he sized me up and said: 'How much do you weigh?' "

Between hangings, Dernley worked as a welder at a coal mine. But the Official Secrets Act forbade him to talk about his work, so his colleagues never knew why he used to take days off from the mine.

YIDDISH IS not a dying language as long as it keeps pace with progress.

During a visit to Israel, Rabbi Haim Gutnick of the Elwood Hebrew Congregation in Melbourne was speaking in Yiddish to someone seeking a solution to a convoluted problem. Seeking a written source of reference, Gutnick queried: "*Efsher kent ir mir onfaxen?*" ("Maybe you can send me a fax?")

That's an extraordinarily contemporary verb for a moribund language.

While Hebrew was quick to absorb the word *lefaxess*, one reader muses that it's just a matter of time before we're saying *lebitnet*. And what would we call those who send a lot of messages by Bitnet? *Bitbetanim*?

Greer Fay Cashman
Kosta Mumcuoglu

Deadly descent

MEIR RONNEN

IF you live long enough, all your jokes come true.

Back in the non-jocular Thirties, my favorite schoolboy joke was about a man searching under a street light for a dropped sixpence.

When asked exactly where he had dropped it, the fellow indicated a street corner some distance away. And when asked why on earth he was looking for it so far off, he said, as though it was perfectly obvious: "Because there's light here."

Some six decades on, I encountered this situation in real life. It happened at the Paz gasoline station on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway at the bottom of Sha'ar Hagai.

Parked in back of the pumps was a traffic police patrol car, its occupants resting from the rigors of the day. Traffic police seem to have such a rigorous time that one can often find them parked in shady spots, like the back of the Israel Museum parking lot, or under the Castel bridge.

For years now I have been trying to ascertain why there is no radar trap or police presence on the infamous Castel descent of Highway No. 1 in the direction of Jerusalem. Spotting the patrol car, I decided to approach the police in person.

Behind the wheel of the patrol car sat an officer. To him I repeated my litany of complaints about the Castel descent. Although the posted speed limit is 70 kph, thousands of cars, buses and trucks hurtle down to the *Motza Bridge curve at speeds* between 90 and 130 kph, none of them with a snowball's chance of stopping should an emergency arise.

> Just a small investment would remove the danger to drivers

Police presence is totally absent. The tired officers parked under the bridge where the descent begins cannot see what is happening further down.

The situation is potentially bad enough, but it is compounded by the fact that drivers trying to turn into Motza Illit must time their move to the fraction of a second in order to get across the road without endangering either themselves or the drivers hurtling down the hill.

A stalled car can bring disaster. Last month an elderly lady mistimed the move and lost her life.

So I asked the police officer why the Castel is unpatrolled, and why no radar trap is employed. His reply was illuminating. The curving descent, he said, was so difficult to time, that his patrols confined themselves to checking the road further down toward Tel Aviv.

I told him my schoolboy joke.

He shrugged.

ALL THIS could be changed overnight.

All that is needed are some huge, intimidating signs at the top of the hill announcing that the speed limit is 70 kph (or, better still, 60 kph) and is radar-controlled. Police cars should move slowly along the descent.

So many cars break the speed limit that fines would bring in more than enough to finance a special Motza traffic operation.

Eventually, the Jerusalem-to-Motza Illit approach could be provided with an alternative which would eliminate the need to cross the highway. This could be achieved by constructing a single-lane one-way roadside track running between the entrance to the Beit Zayit road and Motza Illit, a distance of a few hundred meters. Cars headed for Motza would leave the highway via the underpass to Beit Zayit.

The Public Works Department has just spent countless millions widening the ascent to Jerusalem, but this hasn't increased safety one whit. All it has achieved is the raising of the concentration of vehicles trying to enter Jerusalem at the same time.

A fraction of this investment – a veritable sixpence – would remove the danger from Israel's busiest, steepest and most accursed road descent.

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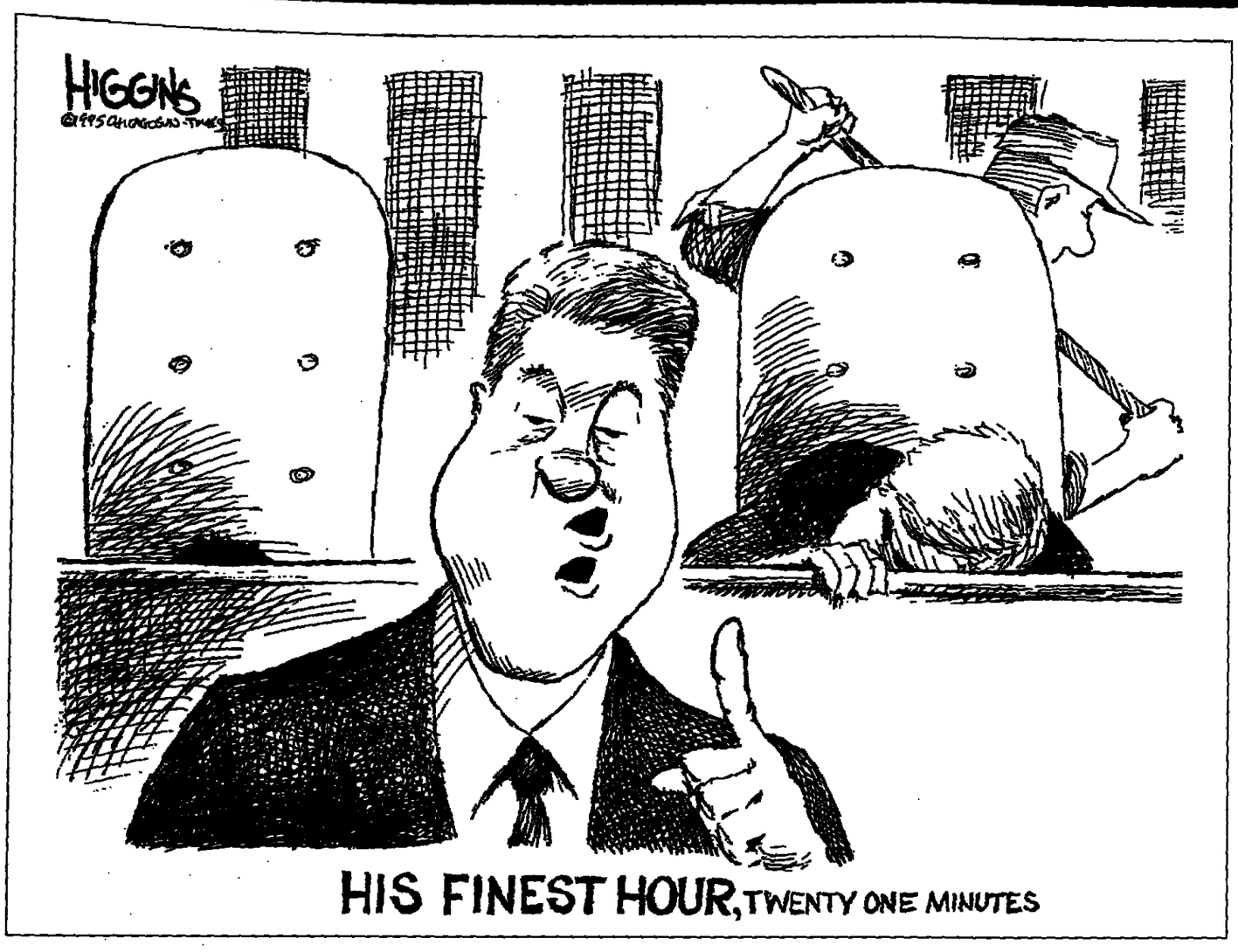
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A President Adrift

A seemingly endless state of the union address sounded more conservative than ever and lacked in substantive quality.

BY ROBERT NOVAK

The degree to which Bill Clinton was adrift in his endless State of the Union address became clear when he asked for an increase in the minimum wage but did not specify how much.

The president's course on minimum wage had been the center of speculation for weeks preceding the speech, not because it is terribly important but because of what it represents symbolically. A proposed increase would signal that he was seeking a return to the Democratic Party's liberal-labor base. To ignore the issue would mean he was resuming New Democrat moderation in dealing with the Republican-controlled 104th Congress.

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So went the speech that White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, unwisely following the path of President George Bush's aides, had called the most important of Clinton's career. It often sounded more conservative than any pronouncement by a Democratic president in this century but was regularly interspersed with liberal caveats.

The result exceeded the worst expectations of Democrats. One party stalwart, who has been at the apex of Democratic politics for a generation, told me: "It was the worst speech ever delivered by a president on a serious occasion."

What the president would do about the minimum wage had been carefully watched by Democrats to show his reaction to last November's Republican tide. To ask for a raise to $5 in the $4.25-an-hour rate last set in 1991 would mean commiseration with organized labor about miserly businessmen.

That is what Labor Secretary Robert Reich has been pressing for months. But the president's New Democrat friends outside the administration had told him that picking a fight with the business community was bad policy and bad politics.

The way Clinton disposed of the issue satisfied nobody and set the tone for the speech. His calls for smaller government and spending cuts smacked of imitation Republicanism and provoked sarcastic cheers from Republicans seated in front of him. But Clinton balanced his conservatism with repeated warnings against cutting education and welfare too deeply.

He clearly chose not follow the path of the House Democratic leaders, Reps. Richard Gephardt and David Bonior, in waging class warfare against the rich. The president did not lay down the law against reduced capital gains tax rates. On the contrary, his description of what kind of tax cuts he can sign did not exclude that very Republican proposal.

Clinton had been given straightforward advice from a variety of sources: keep it simple and keep it short - three or four ideas and 40 minutes at the most. Instead, he spent an hour and a half posing a minimum of 36 proposals, approximating the laundry list of old-time State of the Union messages.

What the speech lacked in brevity, it did not compensate for in quality. His opening remarks that the "American people certainly voted for change" was a little too self-deprecating. He closed with an embarrassingly overt lift from Ronald Reagan: "Our best days are still to come."

How could this monstrosity be written when White House staffers claimed so much was at stake? The Clinton style is at fault. He takes over speech-writing chores himself, making the decision of what stays and what goes. Much more stays than goes.

His aides have long complained that his idea of editing is really addition. The problem is that there was nobody at the White House who looked at the finished product and reined in the president. Panetta surely knew it was a turkey, but he did not or could not change it.

The crisp, well-organized Republican response by New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman only emphasized the president's verbosity. Many Democrats mused that it was inconceivable that Vice President Gore, seated behind the president, or House Majority Leader Gephardt, seated in front of him, would have delivered so undisciplined an address. One speech does not a presidency break, but it did underline Bill Clinton's shortcomings.



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Spinning the training wheels

When Bill Clinton, with the help of Robert Reich, made worker retraining the signature theme of Clinton's 1992 campaign, he was reacting to the dim job prospects that low-skill laborers face in America.

A quintessential New Democrat proposal, the idea was to let the market operate, but to soften the blow on redundant workers by preparing them for higher-skill jobs. It was a response to growing unease about inequality in an increasingly unequal economy: it held out hope that, even in the face of vast economic and social change, the government could still do something to ease workers' insecurity. Yet, after Clinton won, he barely pushed retaining. Like welfare reform, it took the back seat to health care.

Until the midterm elections, that is. On Jan. 10, the president tired to win back his white male constituency by disinterring his retraining them. This time, it had a more conservative flavor: instead of new programs, Clinton offered Skill Grants - training vouchers worth as much as $2,620 per year - for displaced workers to use for themselves in the private sector. So far, so good. The main imponderable is whether the whole idea of retraining actually works in practice: whether any scheme can save many low-skill workers from post-industrial penury.

Yes, there have been some successes. In 1990, a Michigan research institute conducted a survey of state retraining programs. It found an average posttretraining wage gain of 8 percent for men and 34 percent for women. But there's also plenty of counterevidence. The most applicable recent study was commissioned by the Department of Labor during the Bush administration. They asked Mathematica Policy Research to evaluate a retraining program for high wage manufacturing workers laid off because of international trade. To avoid any bias in its 1,800-worker sample, it compared workers only after controlling personal characteristics such as race, sex and education. What seems like the study's main limitation - it studied mostly older workers with long tenure - makes it a good measure of how retraining will help Clinton's target population. Mathematica concluded that trainees were no more likely to be employed and earned no more on average than non-trainees. Granted, about 85 percent of reemployed trainees had taken entry-level jobs in new industries, but about 70 percent of non-trainees made the same move. A second study by the Michigan institute reached the same sad conclusion.

Differences in design might explain why some training programs seem to work better than others. James Heckman, a University of Chicago economist, believes that the on-the-job training and displaced worker retraining programs that focus on young people produce higher returns than those that include everyone. Unfortunately, he estimates that providing enough training for all workers to attain a 1979 wage level would cost the government a $1.7 trillion. The administration hopes its voucher scheme could provide more training less bureaucratically. The trouble here is, as the Progressive Policy Institute's Kathleen Sylvester notes, many of the most successful programs involve a high level of government hand-holding. Surveying the experts on this matter, in any case, a bewildering exercise. There's no consensus on what the details of an ideal training program should be.

There's not even agreement on whether training should be a continuous process conducted by private companies and subsidized by the government, or whether it should be restricted to displaced workers in between jobs. Reich marvels at the Western European model and favors the former approach. The lack of such skills training, he contends, has hampered American industry and worsened inequality. More prosaic types view the problem as a simpler, structural one: how to link up displaced workers more efficiently with new jobs. They point out that many traditional industries, with little in the way of retraining and much in the way of inflexible work patterns, are among the most productive in the American economy. They also note that Volvo's famous Uddevalla plant, the prototype for the continuous training workplace Reich admires, was shut down for inefficiency in 1991. All that's needed, the skeptics argue is fine-tuning.

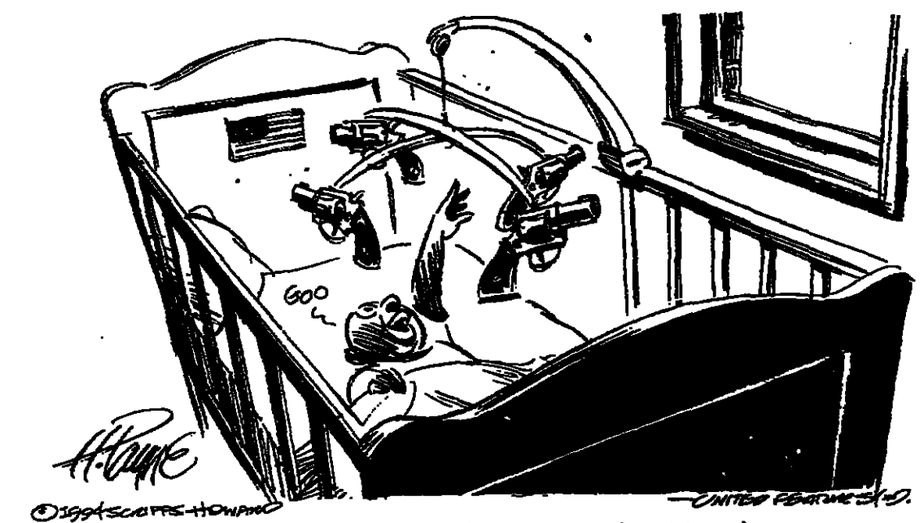
Because the evidence of Reich's view is far from overwhelming, it's no tragedy that his grandest proposal, a 0.2 percent payroll tax to fund continuous training was removed from he failed Reemployment Act of 1994 before the bill even reached full committee. In his first two years, Reich rightly focused on smaller initiative where no significant disputes exist. Many of the people who end up in training programs never acquired basic academic skills in grade school, or at least never learned how to apply them to their jobs. One successful labor-supported bill reserves $100 million for experimental efforts to make high school relevant to the world of work. Another pilot project devotes $25.5 million to the creation of one-stop computerized job search centers in unemployment offices.

It's important to recognize that even the most effective retaining measure won't solve the trauma of social and economic transformation. Clinton should be honest about this. Yes, we should do what we can to help displaced workers learn the skills to find new and better jobs. But this exercise won't save us from economic insecurity and it won't flatten social and economic inequality. By overselling retraining, Clinton could face a backlash among the very middle class he hopes to regain. Better to hold back and experiment - and establish worker retraining as the potent little treatment it might yet become instead of the panacea it clearly isn't.

By the editors of The New Republic

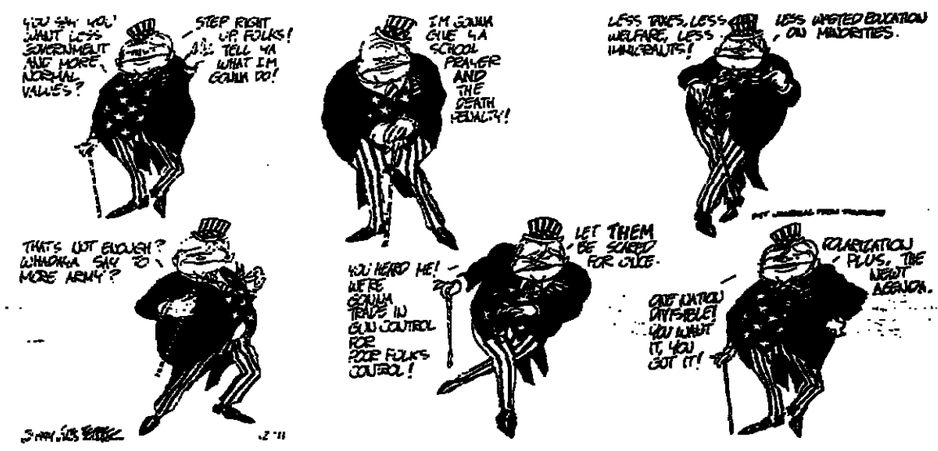
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Spousal abuse does not predict murder

Because so few batterers end up killing, all reputable social scientists agree that spousal murder cannot be predicted from a history of spousal abuse.

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

What is the relation*ship* between spousal "abuse" and *spousal murder?* That *is one of the* issues raised by the O.J. Simpson case, in which the prosecution is seeking to have the jury hear evidence of alleged abuse going back 17 years and ranging from shouting matches to a New Year's Eve's physical assault. But this important issue transcends any particular trial and raises questions about the threshold of scientific reliability required by the courts before evidence can be heard by a jury.

First, some numbers - in order to put the relationship between *spousal assault every 18 seconds in* this country.

The number of spousal murders are far easier to calculate, since the vast majority of murders are reported and solved. According to the Justice Department, which recently completed a long-term study on violence in the family, there are approximately 1, 430 murders of women each year by their present or former mates. This means that more than 99.9 percent of men who assault their wives or girlfriends do not go on to kill *them.* Less than one-tenth of one percent do.

It *is,* of course, true that among the small number of men who do kill their present or former mates, a considerable number did first assault them. Some, however, killed with no prior history of assault - for financial reasons, in order to marry someone else, or out of a variety of other motives.

Because so few batterers end up killing , all reputable social scientists agree that spousal murder cannot be predicted from a history of spousal abuse. Put another way, no expert can reliably tell which 1,500 were first abused. But no one disputes the fact that some murdered women were first abused. The issue is whether a history of abuse is necessarily a prelude to murder. The evidence on that is clear: It is not. Indeed, it is so unlikely as to be statistically insignificant.

This is one of the reasons why our legal system has traditionally balked at allowiong the prior history of an accused to be admitted into evidence against him. Jurors are *likely to believe* that there is a closer relationship than there actually is between a defendant's prior history and the act for which he is standing trial. Thus, no court would ever allow a prosecutor to present evidence at a heroin possession trial that the defendant had previously tried marijuana. Similarly, the courts generally do not allow evidence at a murder trail that the defendant may have hit his wife in the past.

There are exceptions to this general rule, and prosecutors frequently seek to smuggle past acts into evidence under one of the exceptions. These exceptions include "signature" crimes - crimes



abuse and murder in perspective. Over the past decade, we have learned a great deal about the persuasiveness of spousal abuse. Although precise figures are difficult to come by, estimates of spousal violence in America range from a low of about 2 million spousal assaults each year to a high of more than 4 million. According to Murray Straus, a well-known family violence research, there is a

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batterers out of the large pool of over 2 million will eventually become murderers. Even if they were to single out these relatively few batterers who used weapons - such as guns or knives - against their mates, they could not determine which ones will go on to kill, without both overpredicting and underpredicting. Overpredicting means falsely identifying as potential murderers batterers who would not kill and underpredicting means failing to identify as potential murderers batterers who will kill. The social sciences are simply not capable of making these kinds of difficult predictive decisions when the relationship is as low as it is - less than 1 in 1,000 - between batterers and murderers.

There is an analogy to the relationship between marijuana and heroin use: Most heroin users started with marijuana, but only a tiny fraction of marijuana users go on to heroin. It is as impossible, therefore, to predict which marijuana users will turn to heroin as it is to predict which batterers will turn to murder: Only junk science and advocacy science - of the kind rejected by the Supreme Court and the appellate courts in recent months - claim that spousal murders can be predicted from spousal abuse, and they provide no hard data in support of these partisan claims. Instead they point to anecdotes about murdered women who which are virtually identical in modus operandi to the crime at issue - as well as evidence of motive. But a motive to hit is not a motive to kill, and so courts have been reluctant to allow prior acts to come in under this rubric.

Once of the most frequent grounds for appellate reversal of convictions is the improper admission of evidence of prior crimes. Accordingly, trail courts are understandably cautious about admitting such evidence.

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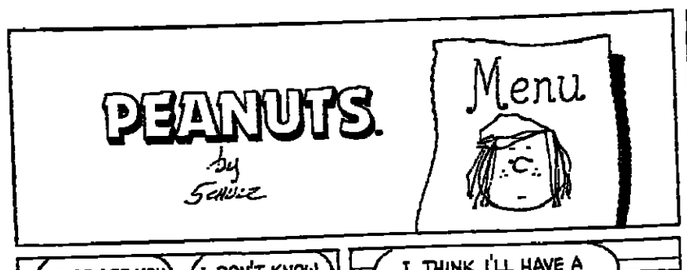
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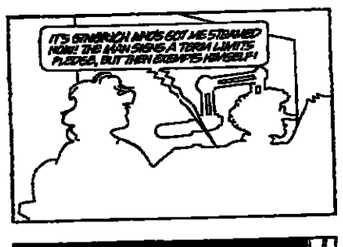




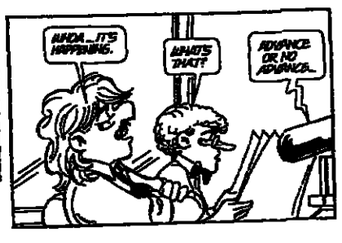












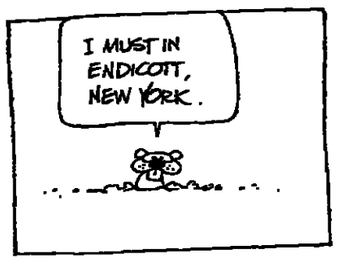






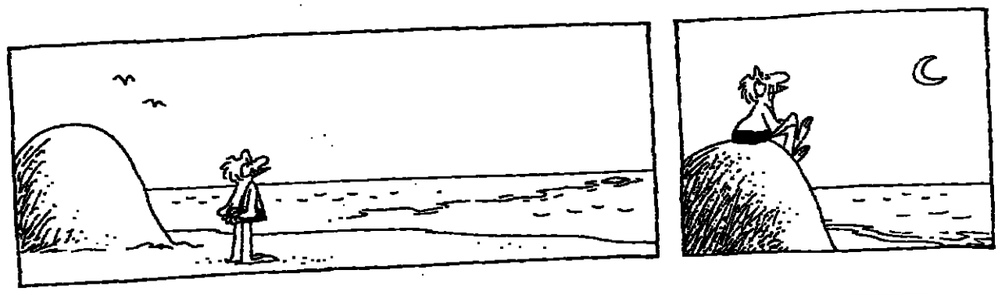


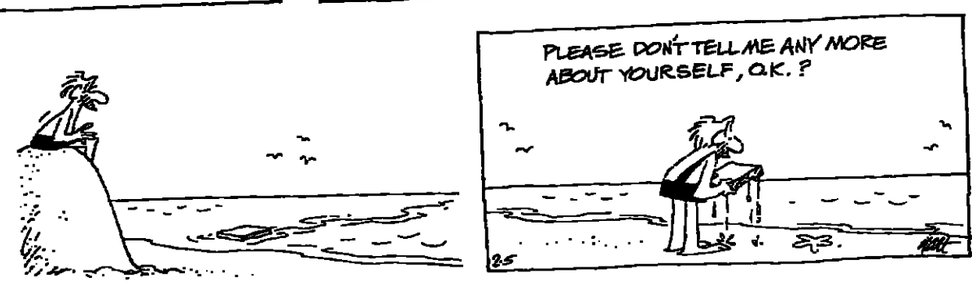




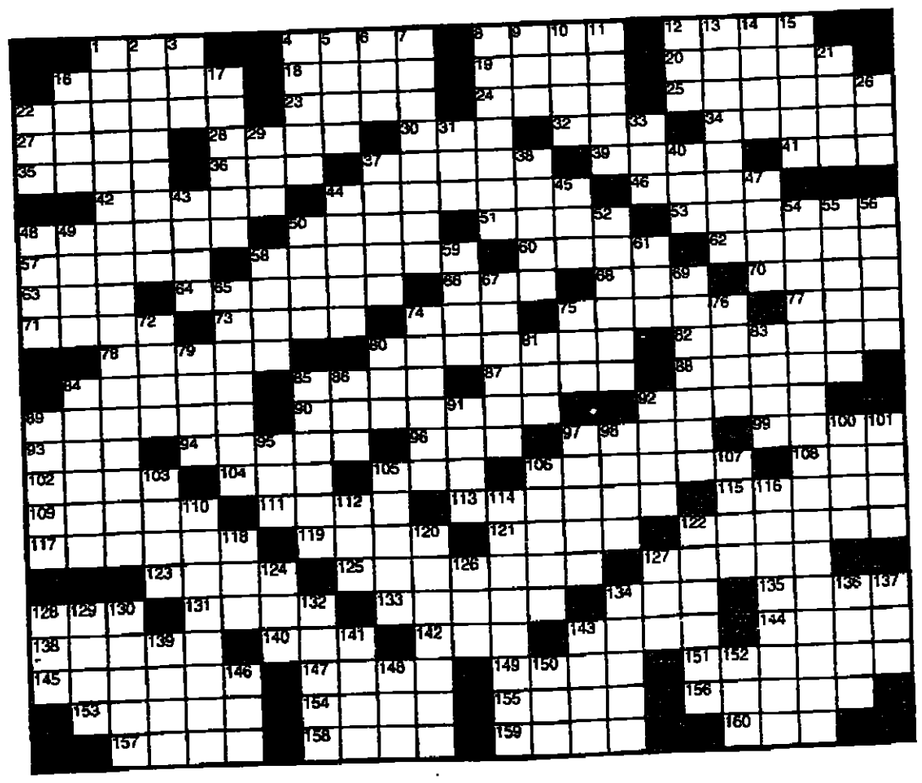








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Crash of Nations

BY JEFFREY SACHS

Bill Clinton justified his $40 billion loan guarantee to Mexico with the thought that America must continue to lead the world. The collapse of Russia's reforms in the ashes of Grozny mocks those words. While it took the United States less than two weeks to commit more than $40 billion of credit lines to Mexico, we failed to supply even one-tenth that amount in loans, loan guarantees and grants to Russia's reformers during the past three years. Aid to Russia was surely vital for our security and foreign policy goals, and was justifiable by the same logic as the Mexican package. But for Russia, which has plunged into civil violence and now teeters on dictatorship, we heard only the bipartisan foreign policy bleating that there is simply no money, or as George Bust memorably put it in 1989, "We have more will than wallet."

The contrast between Mexico and Russia speaks volumes about the degradation of our foreign policy during the past two administrations. The alacrity of the Mexican bailout , in contrast to neglect of Russia, is largely a result of the baying of the New York financial community, incensed that it had lost some $10 billion to $15 billion in the collapse of the Mexico peso last December. The money men demanded that the White House and Congress stanch the losses, and the political leadership immediately heard the message. Even Congress's strongest foes of foreign aid, ever mindful of real politics and campaign financing, immediately jumped on board.

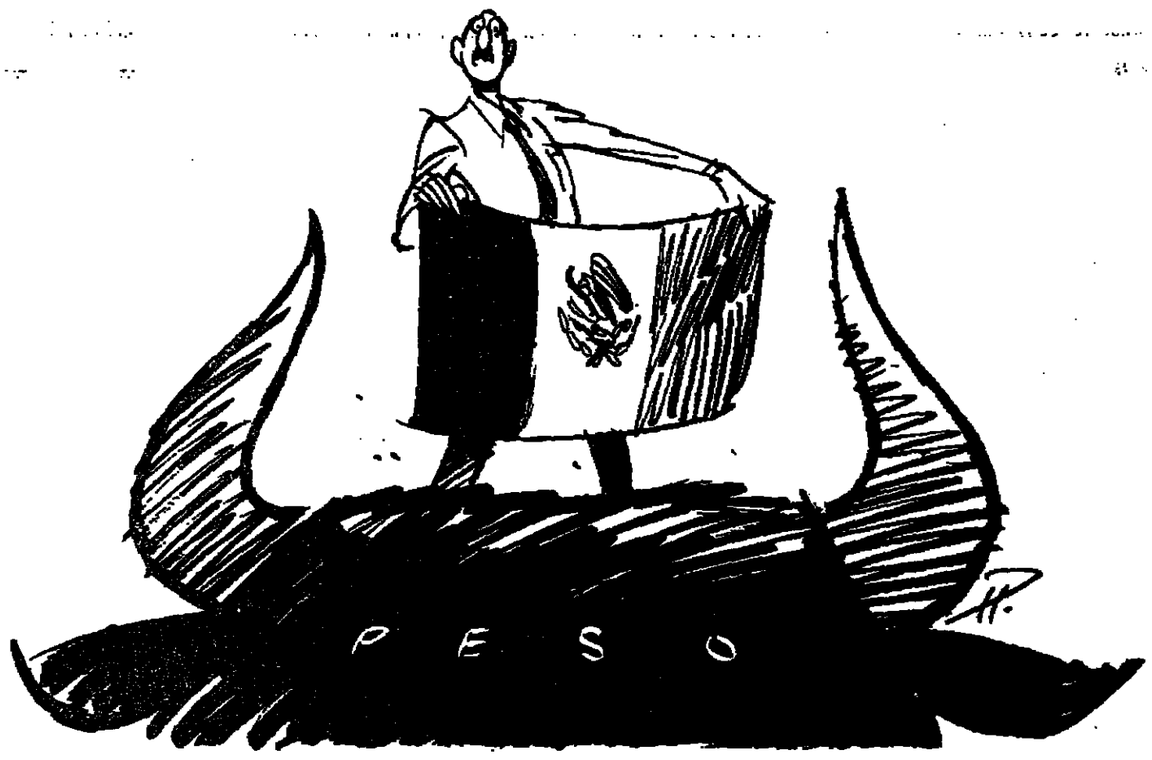
The case for a well-designed bailout package for Mexico is real, even if aid is being spurred by sore losers in the financial community. A well-designed aid package will help to stabilize the Mexican economy, and international capital markets more generally, at low cost (or even no cost) to the U.S. budget. Of course, the overeager Clinton administration could still spoil the Mexican package if it simply forks over the money without strong conditionality on Mexico's financial policies, or if it goes overboard to try to save the bankers, rather than Mexico, at taxpayers' risk.

Russia's tragedy is that no investment banker's Christmas bonus has ever depended on Russia's financial stability. As economic adviser to Russia until I resigned in frustration January 1994, I described at painstaking length to Washington, the IMF and the World Bank the logic of a package of financial guarantees for Russia along the lines of the Mexican package. I argued that a government in financial distress needs backstopping in the form of long-term loans or loan guarantees, so that it can roll over its debts, meet crucial payrolls and reestablish its credit worthiness without a financial meltdown. I warned that a currency, such as the Russian ruble or Mexican peso, that lacks external backing can produce a vicious circle of depreciation, inflation and political instability as a result of a self-fulfilling panic in the financial markets.

All the while, I was met with blank stares from U.S. administration officials, international bureaucrats at the IMF and World Bank lectured me that the most important thing in an aid program is to avoid giving money too soon, lest it be wasted. Anyway, practical people knew there was imply no money available in an era of pinched budgets in all the leading countries. Somehow, we have found $40 billion of loan guarantees for Mexico in the year of the balanced budget amendment.

In 1992, the fateful first year of Russian democracy, the Yeltsin reform cabinet was left naked to destabilizing market forces, with creditors unwilling to roll over old Soviet debts or to extend new loans to the Russian government. With the short-term bills on the old debts, rapidly piling up, zero foreign reserves and the IMF's rejection of Yegor Gaidar's urgent request for a $6 billion ruble stabilization fund and other credit, it is no wonder Russians fled their currency, just as the U.S. Treasury feared would happen in Mexico if we failed to give aid.

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With the new Russian government against the wall, Russian money-holders and enterprises adopted four rules of behavior that eventually toppled the reforms. First, hold dollars, not bubbles. Second, refuse to buy Russian government bonds except at loan-shark rates, since the old Soviet debts are piling up and the government can't find international backers. Third, withhold tax payments, since delays in tax payments are tantamount to tax cuts when the currency is rapidly losing its value. Fourth, count on the reform cabinet to fall. Without backstopping from the outside world, Gaidar's days were numbered. Military-industrial enterprises could bide their time, leaving their bills unpaid, until the reform government was toppled. Sure enough, by December 1992, it was.

Those who think this outcome was inevitable understand little about actual Russian politics or basic economics in that crucial year. The budget deficit was actually manageable at the start, before three years of political instability took their toll on tax evasion and subsidies. Russia's foreign debts as a percentage of national income were about the same as in Mexico. The reformers had the support of the people, especially as goods poured back into the shops in early 1992 as a result of market reforms. Yeltsin had vastly more authority than the hard-line opposition, which was wrong-footed by the failed hard-line coup in 1991 and was reeling from Yeltsin's thrusts. Under these conditions, Western guarantees could have sustained the Russian reforms, perhaps not for free (as might be the case in Mexico), but at least at price that would have been one of the great bargains of history.

The Clinton administration carried on the immobilism of Bush and James Baker, missing other chances for financial stabilization in 1993 and perhaps in 1994 (though by then most of the reformers had departed). Yes, Clinton promoted more aid than Bush, but still in amounts too small to be consequential. With each downward turn of politics and finance in Russia, our policy makers have responded with relentless Polyannaish good cheer. After all, Russia must be described as a great U.S. foreign policy success! Each new apparatchik, we're told, is really a reformer in disguise.

Even the recent transfer of effective political power in Russia from democratic institutions to a new politburo, known as the Russian Security Council, seems a mere detail to the State Department. The disastrous and savage Russian attacks in Chechnya, orchestrated by the Security Council, are treated as a footnote. The new privatization minister, who has banished foreign advisers and called for re-nationalizing industry, is really inconsequential.

The costs to us of Russia's retreat from reforms are mounting and will likely rise much higher. Russia has already severely hobbled the Western response to Bosnia. It has stalled the incorporation of Central Europe into NATO. It has increasingly bullied its next-door neighbors, undercutting their prospects of attracting foreign investment. It has agreed to complete a new and dangerous Iranian nuclear plant, despite U.S. protests. Ironically, increases in defense spending in the United States as a result of rising tensions could now amount to several times the money that should have been devoted to aid.

Sadly, the case for aid to Russia is gone for the present, despite the protestations of the administration, which now seems suddenly eager to lend money after years of neglect. We should surely wait to see the political and financial fallout of the Russian war before acting. It would be ludicrous to give aid that would serve to bolster the Russian Security Council or pay for the destruction of Chechnya. We should instead prepare for another chance to help Russian reformers in the future, and use the time to reflect on the havoc that the Bush-Clinton foreign policy has helped to bring about.

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Haitian minister viewed as comedian

BY ANNA HUSARSKA

The new Haitian Police Academy did not need to woo any candidates: the mere announcement that recruiting would start was such a draw that American soldiers had to intervene and tame the 8,000-strong crowd that showed up at the Ministry of Justice. Afraid that a riot might develop, the soldiers shot pepper spray into the crowd and hosed it with fire extinguishers. And this turnout was only to get on the list; screening of the candidates, through intelligence and physical tests, will come later. Then, after the final cuts, teachers from France, Canada and the United States will lead courses for the rookies. Although the program should take four months, it could be halved in order to get new officers on the unruly streets as soon as possible. Each month 375 trainees will be admitted. The target is to have 4,000 cops by February 1996.

It is difficult to imagine a worse host to such quasitrious recruiting than Minister of Justice Ernst Mallebranche, who presides from his gingerbread mansion in downtown Port-au-Prince. At 75, the generally intolerant Mallebranche looks down at most of his comparriots as riffraff. On the door to his office hangs a handwritten note demanding proper dress for anyone meeting with the minister.

Supporters praise the minister by pointing out the lack of certain defects: "He is incorruptible and he is not stupid." I would add that he is elegant, has a comedian's talent and speaks a refined French. All of this, though, does not make him fit to be a minister.

Monsieur le Ministre is devoid of any organizational or managerial skills, according to a report by a foreign government organization; he hid behind the constitution when I asked about reforms; and he seems overwhelmed by his stated tasks. He uses his comedian's talent to act as he imagines a minister should act, but it yields clownish results: during a public meeting at the local tribunal in the town Hinche, I saw him accuse a local judge of being a modern-era macoutiste, then listen to the judge's self-defense, and then, 10 seconds later, retract his accusation. After this farce, I asked some youths gathered outside the building what they thought of Mallebranche; shrugging was the softest comment I got. In Mirebalais, another town in Haiti's central plateau, Mallebranche swore in as a local justice a man with notorious links to the anti-Aristide paramilitary group known as FRAPH.

He may be just starting to have a sense of urgency about a reform of the justice system, teaching of investigation techniques and charges in the penitentiary system. Unfortunately, he fired Eva Tabureau, the director of the ministry's justice department who had concrete projects for all of the above. Her strong credentials did not seem to matter to Mallebranche. Tabureau is now a legal adviser to the prime minister.

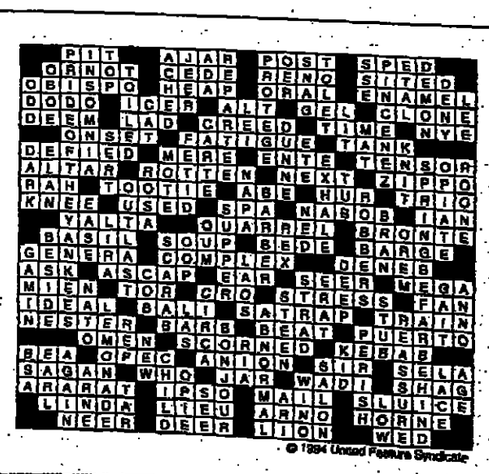
One of my questions to Mallebranche concerned the creation of a Truth Commission, a crucial element in President Aristide's pledge for justice and reconciliation. Truth commission? His eyebrows met in a theatrical frown: he vaguely remembered that he had signed a decree on some such thing two days earlier, but he couldn't recall the name of the person who was nominated to lead it, nor could he say anything about the commission's charge.

All human rights groups, Haitian and foreign, consider the establishment of such a commission, along the lines of then one in El Salvador, a top priority. The panel would investigate claims of human rights violations, giving people a chance to testify on the abuses they experienced; it would then establish a record for later prosecutions. There is ample knowledge of the atrocities committed in the past three years; the number of victims murdered is estimated at 3,000, tens of thousands more have been beaten or tortured. But a Truth Commission report would mean the acknowledgment of those crimes. Such recognition may not vindicate the reputation of the victims, but it would at least bestow some dignity on them.

"A truth commission buys time by dealing with what the justice system in its present state would not be able to handle," says a foreign human rights expert working in Haiti. "It prevents the simple introduction of victor's justice." This may not necessarily be witch-hunting; in Haiti, gossip often replaces hard information, and rumors that people know may be a substitute for hard evidence. Scrupulous investigation is imperative.

The commission will not be starting from scratch. There already exists a database of human rights violations from February 1993 to July 1994; hundreds of cases have been documented by civilian observers from a joint Organizarion of American States/U.N. human rights project. This watchdog team debuted in February 1993. Its members then studied Creole, Haitian history, politics and culture and investigative reporting skills; and by October 1993, the group had deployed 206 monitors of 55 nationalities all over the country. Evacuated for political reasons then expelled, the mission is now reopening its regional offices. It is headed by Colin Granderson, a diplomat from Trinidad, and its human right director is Ian Martin of Britian, formerly secretary-general of Amnesty International.

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Speed without motion, and other paradoxes

ON CAMERA
DAVID BRAUNER

MANY believe that people who are unable to express themselves verbally are naturally attracted to photography because picture-taking is an ideal form of nonverbal expression.

But photographers are often exceedingly articulate. Like most professionals and serious amateurs, they thoroughly enjoy "talking shop." And they often make contradictory statements.

"I have seized the light," proclaimed Louis Jacques Mandé Daguerre in 1839, the year photography was invented, according to conventional wisdom.

Photography is "the art of fixing a shadow," declared William Henry Fox Talbot, on developing the first negative process, also in 1839.

Although "the camera does not lie" is a widely accepted truism, photographers say the opposite:

"Photography is largely about creating illusions. In many cases it could even be called 'telling lies.' " – Australian nature photographer Steve Parish.

"Photography is about finding out what can happen in the frame. When you put four edges around some facts, you change those facts. The frame creates a world and photography is about [that] world." – American art photographer Garry Winogrand.

The deeper meaning of photography is a philosophical question that has gone well beyond the comments of professional photographers:

"Photography turns life into something at once passive and belonging to the past... The future has no place in the photograph, which automatically belongs solely to time past." – French writer Georges Duthuit. (The truth of this 1958 observation is somewhat blunted by the onset of digital image-making.)

"The mechanical nature of the photograph has revolutionized the psychology, and thus the very nature, of the picture." – French film critic André Bazin.

"Photography is speed rendered motionless." – poet and novelist Jean Cocteau. For Henri Cartier-Bresson, photography is "the privileged moment," while for Irving Penn it is "the moment preserved."

Alfred Steiglitz, who ended his long and eventful career by taking pictures of nothing but clouds, said that photography "showed chaos in the world and man's battle against it."

Photographers have been called many things; "onlookers by proxy" is one of the best.

George Bernard Shaw, an avid amateur camera buff, wrote, "The photographer is like a cod, which lays a million eggs in order that one may be hatched." That is, if a photographer takes enough pictures, one may turn out.

Good photographs begin with simple observation of things around you, what author Eric de Maré refers to as the photographer's "third eye."

Edward Steichen took hundreds of pictures of a tree near his house over a 15-year period. "Each time I look at those pictures, I find something new there. Each time I get closer to what I want to say about that tree."

But Steichen also said, "one picture is worth 10 million words – provided that 10 words accompany it."

ANOTHER SUBJECT of pithy comments is the relationship between the camera and the photographer:

"The modern obsession with apparatus and technique may result in efficient craftsmanship; but, after all, seeing the picture, composing it, and seizing the psychological moment for exposure is the main thing." – E.O. Hoppé in *Hundred Thousand Exposures*, 1947.

"When I see all these kids with their motorized cameras who hope by taking thousands of shots that they'll get a good one, I think of the monkey and the typewriter. If you give a monkey a typewriter, can he write a good play?" – Lord Snowden.

"The best equipment? Imagination." – British photographer Duane Michals. "The camera sees more than the eye, so why not make use of it?" – American photographer Edward Weston, in his Daybook, 1926.

And for good advice, there is none better than that of pioneer color photographer Ernst Haas: "The only limitations in your photography are in yourself, for what we see is what we are."

IF YOU would like to share a favorite photographic aphorism, or if you have any questions or comments about photography, send them to "On Camera," The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, Jerusalem 91000.

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The moment preserved: A Bukharan mother helps her daughter with a drawing exercise. (David Brauner)

A watchdog can fill your security needs

HEADS 'N' TAILS
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

HARDLY a day passes without someone asking about guard dogs and watchdogs. It seems there is great confusion about the responsibilities of these animals.

I have a very effective canine companion who is a watchdog. She weighs just a little less than five kilos, and I doubt she could win a battle with a strand of cooked spaghetti. But she makes sure I can never be taken by surprise by anyone or anything within 30 meters of my home.

A real guard dog is a totally different matter, because its job is to prevent the entrance of intruders. This means it must be big enough for the job and trained to do it.

But keeping such a dog is a very serious responsibility. A trained guard dog that can and will attack, with or without a command, is the exact equivalent of a loaded gun beside you that is not always under your direct control.

Whether you need a guard dog depends on your intent, your need and your willingness to accept the responsibility. Can you take responsibility for training it? Can you be responsible for it 24 hours a day? Remember that it won't necessarily differentiate between an intruder or Aunt Ida who shows up unexpectedly, or your child's friend who comes to visit.

These are serious questions that every person who contemplates having a trained guard dog must answer. Most people would be quite content with a watchdog, of whatever size or breed, which faithfully warns the occupant that there are unauthorized intruders within a certain space. But popular opinion tells them they need a guard dog.

If you do opt for a guard dog, you are well advised to carry a good third-party insurance policy, and you should never post a sign that says "biting dog" or even "dangerous dog." The only posted warning should be: "Dog on premises."

The reason is simple. Israeli law follows the talmudic ruling of the "ox that gored." If you announce that your dog bites, you are responsible for the bite. If you acknowledge that your dog is dangerous, you are responsible for the danger.

In light of this, most reasonable householders will probably agree with me that a watchdog is a better bet.

Under the Mandate, time was of the essence – for the Jews

THERE AND THEN
SRAYA SHAPIRO

BY 1929, the British realized that their attempt to create a pluralistic society in Palestine had failed.

In its first decade in Palestine, the British administration laid down much of the physical infrastructure on which our present state system rests.

The inhabitants and the power-wielding bureaucracy clashed not over the goals of the system but over the pace of its establishment.

"The Jews were impatient, because they had been waiting for centuries, whereas the British proceeded slowly and methodically. For the British, time was not of the essence; for the Jews it was," Gideon Biger, a senior lecturer in Tel Aviv University's Geography Department, writes in *An Empire in the Holy Land*.

This historical geography of the British administration in Palestine centers on the formative years, 1917-1929.

Whenever Britain took over a new territory, writes Biger, improvements were usually evident in the spheres of public health, education, law and order, transportation, and communications.

In Palestine, pacification and law-and-order were the main aims of High Commissioner Herbert Samuel's civilian administration, which replaced the military rule imposed with the conquest of Palestine.



High Commissioner Herbert Samuel: Had grand designs, but was ordered not to burden the British taxpayer.

The first annual report of the administration describes "an impoverished country, underdeveloped and sparsely populated." The 56,000 Jews in Palestine were confident of the future. "We shall see with our own eyes the truth of the assertion that wherever the Englishman treads restoration follows and life improves materially and spiritually," wrote the editor of the Hebrew-language daily *Hadshot Ha'aretz*.

The men who shaped the destinies of Palestine in those days had served in many parts of the British Empire before being appointed to Jerusalem – Malta, Trinidad, Sierra Leone, the Malay States, Cyprus, Egypt and Iraq. They conceived Palestine as an agricultural society. Their chief target was the Arab population, which resembled that of Egypt and Sudan with which they were familiar. At first, the Jews were treated more like British colonists.

Samuel outlined an ambitious frame of action, but was immediately hampered by the "Cromer System" imposed on all colonies to make do with their own resources and not put a burden on the British taxpayer. Since tax revenues in Palestine were much lower than in Britain, the services provided were obviously limited, notes Biger. Moreover, Palestine was obliged to repay a share of the Turkish foreign debt and refund the expenditure on railways and other development activities performed by the British military during its two years in control.

The general guideline for administrators was the French adage *Ne pas trop gouverner* – Do not interfere too much. Whatever could be left untouched remained so – Turkish law, for instance. "Samuel was convinced that a different policy would have been unacceptable to the British public opinion, neither would it have been approved by the League of Nations," observes Biger.

Even before the civilian administration took over, the British had to tackle a sensitive problem, that of the frontiers of the new entity. For the first time in hundreds of years, Palestine had become a separate political unit – in the past the Syrians called "Falastin" only the area lying south of the Jerusalem-Jaffa line. The Zionists based on King David's conquests, urged the British to include the Litani River in the north and draw the eastern boundary along the Hejaz railway, across the Jordan river, and down to Akaba.

The British negotiators consulted George Adam Smith's *Historical Geography of the Holy Land* and the maps of the Palestine Exploration Society. It was agreed that, minimally, the Land of Israel extended from Dan in the north to Beersheba, but it was contended that the Banyas, northeast of Lake Tiberias, was really the Biblical Dan. Indeed, the maps produced by the British in their negotiations with the French included the Banyas and approximately that part of the Golan which is now part of Israel.

Influencing the ultimate decision were war-time commitments, such as the Sykes-Picot agreement, and various claims by foreign powers – the Italians, the Vatican, even the Russians. And Sherif Hussein of Mecca wanted Beersheba to be included in his son Abdullah's Transjordan. The existence of Jewish settlements in Tel Hai and Metulla created a "panhandle," which extended the Galilee frontier northwards, but land belonging to Metulla farmers remained under French (Syrian) rule.

None of the Zionist requests was heeded by the negotiators at the Versailles Peace conference, except for the promise to assure an outlet to the Red Sea. Borders talks continued for almost 10 years, and the final agreement was signed only in 1927.

Britain's title to Palestine was, in addition to the Law of Conquest, its undertaking to work for the establishment of a Jewish National Home. The latter task was new to the Colonial Service personnel, who handled it cautiously.

"It was expected that the Jews would provide vigor, intelligence, labor and money, while Britain would contribute its long experience in government, law-and-order, and talented administrators," Biger notes. However, the anticipated aid from the Jewish world was not forthcoming.

On the other hand, the British administration took firm charge of the modernization of the Arab sector. Anti-malaria measures and a cadastral survey were effected in spite of Arab antagonism.

"The Arabs of Palestine were an unresponsive lot," Biger says. Nevertheless, in the final stage, the colonial heritage prevailed: Britain preferred to back the Arabs – to the infinite regret of the Jews.



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Baseball owners scrap salary cap

Clubs balk after NLRB threatens to file unfair labor practice charge

WASHINGTON (AP) – Major League Baseball owners, found to have illegally imposed a salary cap in December, have scrapped the whole system and removed the major obstacle blocking talks toward settling the six-month-old players' strike.

With President Clinton pressing for an agreement by tomorrow, the federal National Labor Relations Board unexpectedly sped up its process and told owners it would file an unfair labor practice charge against them.

Owners immediately backed down and said Friday they would restore baseball's old business rules.

"It's putting pressure to clear the decks and get a deal done," Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris said.

Earlier this week, owners made a proposal that didn't contain a salary cap. But legally, the system in place still was the one they implemented December 23, a plan that would have forced teams to sharply lower their payrolls.

"What was imposed is rescinded; it is as if it had never been," union head Donald Fehr said.

Spring training is to start February 16, and owners have been signing replacement players to be strikebreakers. Management lawyer Chuck O'Connor said Friday's developments wouldn't change those plans.

But most everything else in baseball was sent into limbo.

Some players don't know if they'll be free agents or wind up with their old clubs in salary arbitration. Small-market teams don't know if they'll get revenue-sharing money from their large-city rivals.

Players and owners were scheduled to be back at the table yesterday, with the union expected to make a counterproposal to the luxury-tax plan owners presented on Wednesday.

The NLRB's finding and the owners' retreat was a major victory for the union, which declared all along that the implementation was illegal.

When owners put the cap in place, they changed many of the major rules that had governed the game since 1976.

They eliminated salary arbitration, created a new class of restricted free agents and gave themselves the right to release players at any time for any reason.

"I think right now it would be too early to discuss the effect," Marlins general manager Dave Dombrowski said.

Also in limbo is the revenue sharing agreement that clubs struck among themselves on January 18, 1994. At the time, the teams agreed that revenue sharing wouldn't take effect unless players agreed to a salary cap.

"That and everything else is all up in the air," said management negotiator John Harrington, the chief executive officer of the Boston Red Sox.

The NLRB hadn't planned to issue its decision until mid-month, but Parker said presidential pressure sped up the process.

There was almost no bargaining Friday. Some players, such as Brett Butler and John Franco, checked out, perhaps to beat the storm that was expected to dump 30 centimeters of snow on Washington.

Crackshot finds target through 'inner peace'

HEATHER CHAIT

YOAV Ze'evi could easily be a mercenary.

Behind his boyish looks and cropped haircut lurks an iciness and determination beyond his 20 years.

Besides, Ze'evi is the world youth champion target shooter, a title he won last year in Milan.

For Ze'evi, shooting is an approach to life, a route to improving his concentration and self-control while giving vent to his emotions.

"I'm very stubborn," he says in an interview at the ultra-modern NIS 22 million shooting range in Herzliya where he instructs as part of his army service between practicing for Hapoel Herzliya. "That's the bad side of my character. The better side is my determination."

He knows what determination means. At 14 years old, he began shooting in Ra'anana where he lives. Besides holding the world title, he is also Israel's youth champion.

"My friends and I joined the range for the action it represented, like Rambo movies, but after about three months, when they understood that shooting involves a quietness and inner calm, they quit. That is when I stayed. I was drawn to the challenge and now I shoot to win competitions."

Ze'evi shoots with an air-rifle and a small bore (0.22 caliber) gun. In Milan he won the small bore three positions (prone, kneeling, standing) category, after accumulating 1,145 points out of a maximum 1,200 from 120 shots. The world record in this category where the shooter aims from 50 meters at a target of 10mm is 1,186.

"The pressure was incredible. Our time was limited, about one hour for each position with breaks to adjust the equipment. I was lined up with 70 other shooters, all aiming at computers, but each person felt quite alone.



READY, AIM...Yoav Ze'evi attacks his targets with computer-like efficiency. (Moshe Shai)

"All my concentration, maturity and ability to switch off from my surroundings came into play at that moment."

Ze'evi's coach during his junior days was Guy Starek but now, entering the senior level (over 21 years), he is training with the national team coach Marcel Cohen who is quick to praise his prodigy.

"His strength lies in his ability to concentrate for long periods," says Cohen.

With the influx of Russian immigrants, Israel's shooters have assumed an esteemed place in the international arena and stand a fair chance of bringing home a medal in next year's Olympics in Atlanta.

The likely team will likely consist of world champion Boris Polak, Edi Eliav (fifth in the world), Alex Tripolski and Starek.

Ze'evi realizes his chances of going to Atlanta are slim.

"The principles of direction, pulling the trigger and how to hold the gun are relatively technical and can be taught. What takes years is learning control over your muscles, how to concentrate and to relate to pressure. Shooting is a mental sport, not physical, where age and experience feature significantly."

Despite his protesting about his immaturity, Ze'evi has the curious knack of being able to step outside and survey his character objectively. "Shooting has shaped my personality from a young age. I know more about myself now, I think differently. I take myself very seriously." He considers for a moment, "maybe too seriously."

As part of Ze'evi's rigorous training program, he records each practice in a diary. "It's like a self-examination. I force myself to reflect on how I did and what needs improving, whether my muscles were limber enough and if my mental attitude was correct. It's proven itself – it entrenches the pattern of my development."

Footing the bill for Ze'evi's expenses which range from his German-made uniform (costing NIS 3,000) to trips abroad and coaches, is the National Olympic Range under the auspices of the Israel Shooting Association.

While mercenaries earn big money, how does this young soldier with his eagle eye relate to the deadliness of the sport? "I could never shoot anyone, not even a cat."

Hapoel Holon battles Hapoel Jerusalem in key hoops matchup tonight

JOEL GORDIN

RALPH Klein's new-look Hapoel Holon host Hapoel Jerusalem tonight in the main game of this week's National Basketball League matchups.

Holon missed its chance last week for sole possession of third place after it lost to unpredictable Hapoel Tel Aviv. The team, with a 12-7 mark, is now tied four fourth with Hapoel Galil Elyon, Hapoel Eilat ad Bnei Herzliya.

Hapoel Jerusalem, badly missing injured playmaker Papi Turgeman, also lost last week, as Maccabi Tel Aviv steamrolled over it.

Turgeman is still away and the capital city side, now in eighth place with an 11-8 record, would seem to have little chance of a road win at Holon.

Bnei Herzliya has a relatively easy game at home to Hapoel Gvat, which sports a 6-13 mark. The Yizre'el Valley side is based on its two Americans, Derick Gervin and Rodney Munro, and has a weak bench.

Hapoel Galil Elyon and Hapoel Eilat battle each other at Kfar Blum on Monday night in a game to be shown live on cable television.

These teams are so evenly-matched that Galil's home advantage should turn the tables in its favor.

League leaders Maccabi Tel Aviv should have a cakewalk over Hapoel Givatayim, which has given up on the prospect of staying in its next year's National League and let go its two foreigners – Gary Plummer and Adrian Branch. Dual citizen Keith Benneth has also apparently received his marching orders.

The Israel Basketball Association is working behind the scenes to prevent the creation of a "second Betar Ramat Gan" for what remains of the season.

The feisty Maccabi Jerusalem, 9-10 and in ninth place, hosts Hapoel Tel Aviv.

Ever since the departure of coach Zvi Sherf, playamker Gilad Katz has played extremely well for the Ussihkin squad.

If he and the sparkling Buck Johnson hit the jackpot again, Hapoel Tel Aviv must be considered the favorites.

Second-placed Maccabi Rishon Lezion faces disappointing Maccabi Ramat Gan, which has almost no chance of being relegated and is also out of the running for the playoffs.

Hapoel Haifa, 5-14, will be able to take out is frustrations at having to play most of the season without foreign players with an easy game against Betar Ramat Gan, everybody's whipping boy.

In European action this week, Hapoel Tel Aviv travels to Italy for a European Cup matchup against Benetton Treviso, while on Thursday Maccabi Tel Aviv plays hosts Olimpija Ljubljana in the European Club Championships.

Australia jumps out to big lead in fifth Test

PERTH (Reuter) – A run out involving his twin brother Mark left Steve Waugh stranded on 99 not out as Australia were dismissed for 402 in the fifth Test against England yesterday.

But Mark Waugh redeemed himself with two wickets in four balls as England stumbled to 110 for four in reply at the close.

England, who need to win to level the five-test series 2-2, will look to No. 4 batsman Graham Thorpe and Mark Ramprakash to revive their innings on today.

Thorpe batted aggressively to remain unbeaten on 54 alongside Ramprakash on 14, after England slumped to 77 for four following the loss of openers Graham Gooch and captain Mike Atherton, No. 3 Mike Gatting and John Crawley after tea.

Waugh, who resumed on 23, missed out agonizingly on his eighth test century after a mix-up with his brother.

Backing up in the hope of completing the single, which would take his brother to three figures, Mark was run out at the bowler's end after being sent back.

It was the sixth time Waugh has reached the nineties in test cricket only to fail to reach a century.

Mark Waugh, who made 88 on Friday, came to the wicket as a runner for Craig McDermott after the Queensland fast bowler strained his back during batting practice before start of play.

McDermott, who remained in the pavilion for the start of the England innings, was the second Australian player to require a runner during the day.

Earlier, Healy tore a calf muscle as he ran between the wickets and remained in obvious pain before being dismissed for 12.

Although Healy took the field for the England innings after intensive treatment, he was clearly hampered in his movements.

Steve Waugh, only the second batsman in Test history to run out of partners so near to his century, said afterwards he had been convinced there was no chance of completing the single despite his brother's enthusiastic backing-up.

"Mark was keen to get the run, but I played the ball too near [the bowler] Chris Lewis," Waugh told reporters. "I'm disappointed to have another 90-something against my name, but it was a vital innings for me after I didn't make many runs in the last couple of Tests," said Waugh, who hit 12 fours from 183 balls during a near five-hour stay at the crease.

His experience followed that of former England opener Geoff Boycott, who missed out on a century in similar circumstances on the same ground in 1979-80.

England team manager Keith Fletcher said his side still had justifiable hopes of sharing the series.

"We could bowl them out cheaply in their second innings, and if you ask the Australians I'm sure they would say the Test match isn't over," he said.

England's first priority today will be to score the 93 runs they need to avoid the follow-on.

They were stunned in the opening overs of their innings when Glenn McGrath, who was drafted into the side to replace injured pace bowler Damien Fleming, lured Atherton into edging a catch to Healy before bowling Gatting off the inside edge.

But they appeared to have weathered Australia's initial burst when Gooch and Thorpe added 72 runs for the third wicket.

Then makeshift bowler Mark Waugh took his two quick wickets to put Australia in the driving seat again.

Gooch, who is setting a new record of 118 caps for England on his last test appearance, was trapped lbw for 37 in Waugh's second over.

Three deliveries later Crawley edged a low catch to Shane Warne at second slip to fall for a duck.

Earlier, after resuming on 283 for four, Australia struggled for runs against England's pace quartet of Devon Malcolm, Chris Lewis, Angus Fraser and Phil DeFreitas.

DeFreitas and Lewis took three wickets apiece with Fraser chipping in with one wicket, before the last three Australian batsmen, Jo Angel, Glenn McGrath and McDermott, were run out.

Australia first innings (overnight 283 for four)

M.Slater c Lewis b DeFreitas	124
M.Taylor c Rhodes b Lewis	9
D.Boon c Ramprakash c Lewis	1
M.Waugh c DeFreitas b Lewis	88
S.Waugh not out	99
G.Blewett c Rhodes b Fraser	20
I.Healy c Lewis b DeFreitas	12
S.Warne c Rhodes b DeFreitas	1
J.Angel run out	11
G.McGrath run out	0
C.McDermott run out	6
Extras (b-14, lb-4, w-4, nb-9)	31
Total	402

Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-55, 3-238, 4-247, 5-287, 6-320, 7-328, 8-386, 9-388.
Bowling: Malcolm 31-6-93-0 (w-4), DeFreitas 29-5-91-3 (nb-2), Fraser 32-11-84-1, Lewis 31.5-8-72-3 (nb-7), Gooch 1-1-0-0, Ramprakash 11-0-43-0.

England first innings

G.Gooch lbw b M.Waugh	37
M.Atherton c Healy b McGrath	4
M.Gatting b McGrath	0
G.Thorpe not out	54
J.Crawley c Warne b M.Waugh	0
M.Ramprakash not out	14
Extras (nb-1)	1
Total (for four wickets)	110

Fall of wickets: 1-5 2-5 3-77 4-77.
To bat: S.Rhodes, C.Lewis, P.DeFreitas, A.Fraser, D.Malcolm.
Bowling (to date): Angel 9-3-31-0 (nb-1), McGrath 14-4-45-2, Blewett 4-1-9-0, M.Waugh 5-2-13-2, Warne 4-1-12-0.

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Tennis great Fred Perry dies

MELBOURNE (AP) – Fred Perry, the last British man to win the Wimbledon singles title, died Thursday at the age of 85.

Perry, who won Wimbledon three straight times from 1934-36, died in hospital in Melbourne, where he was being treated after suffering broken ribs in a fall in his hotel bathroom last week.

A short statement issued Friday by the Epworth Hospital on behalf of Perry's family said he had died of heart failure.

"Fred Perry passed away suddenly and peacefully from heart failure on Thursday afternoon at the Epworth Hospital," the statement said.

Tributes to Perry flooded in from around the tennis world.

"Fred Perry was a superlative ambassador for our sport throughout the world," All England Club chairman John Curry said in a statement. "He was a great character, big-hearted and a true champion in every sense.

Australia's former Davis Cup captain and Wimbledon champion Neale Fraser described Perry "a great chap to be around".

"I sat with him just a few days ago at the [Australian] Open and now he's gone. It's very sad, but he can rest easily. He did a wonderful job for a great game. He's left his mark."

Before turning pro in 1936, Perry captured eight Grand Slam singles titles. In addition to his three Wimbledon crowns, Perry won the US championship at Forest Hills in 1933, 1934 and 1936, the Australian championship in 1934 and the French title in 1935.

Born in Stockport, Cheshire, Perry was regarded as one of the all-time greats of tennis. He was the first player to win all four major titles, although he did not hold them concurrently.

Perry beat Australia's Jack Crawford in 1934 for his first Wimbledon crown and defended the title the following year when he defeated Germany's Baron Gottfried Von Cramm.

In 1936, Perry defeated Von Cramm 6-1, 6-1, 6-0 in 40 minutes in the shortest Wimbledon final this century.

Perry said the achievement he most cherished was a Davis Cup win over France in Paris in 1933. After beating Henry Cochet, Perry won the decisive fifth match over Andre Merlin to bring the trophy to Britain for the first time since 1911.

Perry led Britain to Davis Cup championships with victories over France (1933), the US (1934-35) and Australia (1936).

He won 45 out of 52 Davis Cup matches for Britain and 34 out of 38 singles between 1931-36.

Perry was renowned as an aggressive competitor with tremendous self-confidence and a remarkable running forehand.

Shortly after his last Wimbledon triumph, Perry moved to the US to turn professional, angering Wimbledon officials.

The rift was healed in 1984 when Wimbledon erected a statue of Perry near Center Court. The main entrance next to his bronze figure is know as the Fred Perry Gate.

Perry remained active until his death. He ran a highly-successful sportswear company and was a regular member of BBC Radio's commentary team at Wimbledon and other major championships from 1949. His annual presence at Wimbledon served as a constant reminder of the sorry state of British tennis, which has no male players in the top 50.

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England XV crush France 31-10

LONDON (Reuter) – England right wing Tony Underwood scored twice in the final five minutes to give England an emphatic 31-10 win over France in their Five Nations clash at Twickenham yesterday.

Underwood took full advantage of a fumble over the line by French captain Philippe Saint-Andre to score in the 76th minute.

He added the second just before the fulltime whistle after clever work from England fullback Mike Catt, who slipped the ball inside to the flying Underwood.

France, who have now lost their last eight matches against England, did have the consolation of scoring the try of the match on a warm, still afternoon.

Trailing 13-3 at the interval, the French launched an attack which swept from one of the field to the other, with replacement fullback Sebastien Viars scoring the try in the left corner.

But the visitors gave away too senseless penalties, four of which were turned in to points by the boot of flyhalf Rob Andrew, and they were always struggling to contain the giant England eight.

England center Jeremy Guscott scored the only try in the first half, strolling over near the posts 32 minutes in to the match after selling the sweetest of dummies following a period of remorseless England pressure.

England's victory, which puts them well on course for an 11th grand slam and their third in five years, was based on another magnificent performance by their forward pack.

Flankers Ben Clarke and Tim Rodber made a series of storming runs which sapped the resilience of the French and led directly to Guscott's try after Thierry Lacroix and Andrew had exchanged penalties in the opening 18 minutes.



NO STOPPING ENGLAND – The French team chases after England's Tim Rodber during their Five Nations clash at Twickenham yesterday. (AP)

England battered the French line and when scrumhalf Kyran Bracken passed the ball right, Guscott sensed his opportunity, throwing a dummy and simultaneously gliding to his left to saunter over the by the posts.

France, never more dangerous than when on the counter-attack, replied after the interval when right wing Philippe Bernat-Salles ran the ball out of defense, kicked ahead and gathered the rebound and then threw the ball to his left where Guy Accoceberry and Laurent Cabannes moved the ball to Viars, speeding down the left flank.

Scotland 26, Ireland 13

Gavin Hastings celebrated his record 53rd international appearance by taking his overall tally past 500 points and leading Scotland to a win over Ireland in Edinburgh.

The Scotland captain was instrumental in swinging the game the home side's way midway through the second half after Ireland had taken a 13-9 interval lead through tries by Brendan Mullin and Jonathan Bell plus a Paul Burke penalty.

Up to then Scotland's only points had come from the boot of fullback Hastings, but his chip ahead set winger Craig Joiner free to nip in for a try.

Scotland never looked back from that moment and victory owed much to the inspirational play of their captain. His boot failed him only once all afternoon as Scotland ended a two-year wait or a Five Nations championship win.

Five Nations Championship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. England	2	2	0	0	51	18	4
2. Scotland	1	1	0	0	26	13	2
3. France	2	1	0	1	31	4	2
4. Wales	1	0	0	1	9	21	0
5. Ireland	2	0	0	2	21	46	0

Mac. TA routs Netanya

DEREK FATTAL

MACCABI Tel Aviv threw down the gauntlet to title-challenger Maccabi Haifa yesterday, one week ahead of the so-called "match of the season" between the two sides.

The Tel Avivans provided the outstanding display of round 17 of the National League, ripping Maccabi Netanya to shreds with a clinical 6-1 away victory that kept them top of the table.

Defending champions Maccabi Haifa fell five points off the pace with a surprise home defeat at the hands of Maccabi Petah Tikva.

Mac. Netanya 1, Mac. Tel Aviv 6

This match will remain in the mind of Netanya's youthful keeper Gilad Chen for years to come after he was drafted into the first-team lineup by coach Oded Magnes to replace the veteran Kobi Beldev.

The match proved traumatic for the youngster – whose lack of experience matched with abysmal defense by his elders – contributed to the high scoreline.

The contrast between the keepers was highlighted by the faultless performance at the other end by Alexander Obarov, who no doubt had words of advice for Chen after the match.

The game quickly turned into a one-sided demolition job, with midfielder Yuri Shukanov and Nir Sevila providing the dynamite that blew the Netanya defense to smithereens.

Shukanov opened the Tel Avivans' scoring account with a teasing groundshot after 20 minutes from the edge of the area, which would have been parried by a more experienced keeper.

Four minutes later Chen was at fault again, failing to smother Alon Brumer's shot. Eli Driks stole in to stab the rebound home, while Chen's defenders seemed to be watching the grass grow under their feet.

Sevila hit the first goal of his hat trick in the 36th minute, skimming his shot from an oblique angle beyond the flaying arms of Chen, onto the far post and into the net.

Two minutes after the whistle blew to start the second period Sevila found the goal again, as the defense left Chen totally exposed.

The nightmare continued with Nir Klinger latching onto Sevila's cross in the 63rd minute.

Though the Netanyans were buried, they were not quite dead. Substitute Ahmed Araf managed to blast a goal in reply in two minutes later.

Sevila hit the coup de grace in the 72nd minute, and his side fully deserved the lap of honor round the Herzliya stadium at the end.

Mac. Haifa 0, Mac. Petah Tikva 1

A 10th minute goal by Petah Tikva's Ran Ben-Shimon created the shock of the day. The matchwinner came from a well struck free-kick by Avi Pitussi, which Ben-Shimon steered in the top right corner of Rafi Cohen's goal.

Haifa striker Ofer Shitreet almost provided an immediate answer after Haim Revivo sent him toward goal with a well-crafted through ball, but quick reflexes from Petah Tikva's goalkeeper Golan Malul ensured that the visitors stayed ahead.

Haifa often plays best when Sergei Kandaurov is in form. Yesterday he was out of touch and unable to provide the support that often spurs Eyal Berkowitz and Alon Hazan to fashion scoring opportunities.

Hap. Petah Tikva 1, Mac. Herzliya 0

Hapoel beat Maccabi Haifa thanks to a chance seized by Adoram Casey 12 minutes after the break.

Casey collected a cross from the left wing from Carmelo Mishish, and hit cleanly past Shuli Gilardi into the Herzliya goal.

The Petah Tikvans looked to have their work cut out after being reduced to 10 men when defender Walid Badir was shown the red card by referee Avner Cohen for a foul on Ofer Mizrahi with 70 minutes left on the clock.

This win keeps the hosts in contention for the title and increases Herzliya's relegation woes.

Hap. Tel Aviv 1, Hap. Haifa 1

The release of Haifa's beleaguered coach Dror Kashtan on Friday by club chairman Rubie Shapira overshadowed this match.

The two men agreed on terms resulting in the termination of Kashtan's lucrative three-year contract.

Assistants Avi Kaufman and Avi Muncher were placed in charge of the side for the game.

Tal Banin brought cheer to the visiting fans with 26th-minute shot from the edge of the area which flew past Jaroslav Baku.

Despite relentless pressure by the Tel Avivans, Haifa held onto the lead until seven minutes from time. Alon Ophir's equalizer was soccer's equivalent of a guided missile. The shot, from over 35 meters, thundered into the net with Ya'acov Assayag left completely bewildered.

Haifa were probably satisfied with the draw, but the trip back North was soured by the dismissal of defender Peter Yeagur in the final seconds for a foul from behind.

Bnei Yehuda 4, Betar Jerusalem 2

Betar showed spirit and skill in an evenly-matched first period, but fell to pieces after the break in this meeting that brought together the two most passionate groups of supporters in the local game.

Sergei Gerasimetz converted an early penalty to give Bnei Yehuda an early lead, but within five minutes Betar's Hungarian import Stefan Saloj leveled.

The rest of the opening half was was exciting fare, and it was Gerasimetz who again broke the deadlock with a vintage "Roy of the Rovers" goal that saw him take the ball from his own half, and master three challengers before firing past Giora Aumman.

The Hatikva Quarter faithful were singing again in response to 59th- and 65th-minute strikes by Ofer Levy and Itzik Levy. A late Ronnen Harazi goal provided stark consolation for the Jerusalemites.

Zafririm Holon 1, Hap. Beit She'an 3

Assi Toubi's second-minute goal suggested that the Holonis were on the way to collecting three points.

First impressions proved deceptive, as a reply within seven minutes by Romanian Daniel Skentei provided the foundation for the visitors' victory. Nasim Agbaria edged Beit She'an ahead in the 21st -minute, and Shimon Danan hit the third goal in from the penalty spot after being felled in area by Haim Goldberg.

Rishon Lezion 2, Betar Tel Aviv 1

Rishon notched its second victory over the Betaris this season. Meir Azran nudged last season's Second Division champions ahead in the 19th minute, but Doron Amar tied for Betar five minutes later.

The decisive goal was struck by Nir Menahem on the hour, aided by a pinpoint long pass by Felix Halfon.

Ironi Ashdod 0, Hapoel Beersheba 0

The day's only scoreless draw provided frustration for Alon Mizrahi, who tried in vain to score his first league goal in Ashdod's colors.

Mizrahi came despairingly close, hitting the post in 38th minute, but the ball rebounded safely to the relief of the Beersheba defense. Twelve minutes later fellow-striker Amir Turjman missed an relatively simple opportunity to take the lead.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Mac. Haifa ——— (0)0
Bnei Yehuda ——— (2)4
Gerasimetz 12 (pen), 35
O. Levy, 58
I. Levy, 65
Ironi Ashdod ——— (1)0
Ironi Rishon ——— (1)2
Azran, 19
Mansharn, 60
Mac. Netanya ——— (0)1
Araf, 65

Hap. PT ——— (0)1
A. Casey, 57
Zafririm Holon ——— (1)1
Toubi, 2

Hap. Tel Aviv ——— (0)1
Ophir, 83

Mac. PT ——— (1)1
Ben-Shimon, 10
Bet. Jerusalem ——— (1)2
Saloj, 17
Herszl, 86

Hap. Beersheba ——— (0)0
Bet. Tel Aviv ——— (1)1
Amar, 24

Mac. Tel Aviv ——— (3)6
Shukanov, 20,
Driks, 24
Sevila, 36,47,72
Klinger, 63
Mac. Herzliya ——— (0)0

Hap. Beit Shean ——— (2)3
Skantai, 9
Agbaria, 21
Danan, 87, (pen)
Hap. Haifa ——— (1)1
Banin, 26

After 17 rounds

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mac. Tel Aviv	11	2	4	38	17	35
Hap. Petah Tikva	10	3	4	26	17	33
Mac. Haifa	8	6	3	25	22	30
Hap. Tel Aviv	7	7	3	26	20	28
Bnei Yehuda	7	6	4	34	25	27
Hap. Beersheba	7	6	4	26	19	27
Hap. Beit She'an	6	6	5	19	28	24
Bet. Jerusalem	6	4	7	23	20	22
Rishon Lezion	5	7	5	20	18	22
Mac. Petah Tikva	4	8	5	21	21	20
Zafririm Holon	5	4	8	21	27	19
Mac. Netanya	5	4	8	23	32	19
Bet. Tel Aviv	5	2	10	21	33	17
Hap. Haifa	4	4	9	23	30	16
Ironi Ashdod	3	6	8	17	28	15
Mac. Herzliya	3	5	9	18	35	14

SECOND DIVISION

Mac. Jaffa ——— 3
Hap. Kfar Sava ——— 0
Hap. Ramat Gan ——— 0
Kiryat Shmona ——— 0
Hap. Ashkelon ——— 1
Hap. Jerusalem ——— 1
Hap. Talbe ——— 1
Hap. Lod ——— 1

Ness Ziona ——— 2
Hap. Ashdod ——— 1
Hap. Hadera ——— 0
Shimshon TA ——— 3
Hakoah RG ——— 2
Mac. Yavne ——— 1
Hap. Bat Yam ——— 0
Hap. Kyriat Gat ——— 1

After 16 rounds

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mac. Jaffa	11	4	1	27	11	37
Hap. Ashdod	8	4	4	29	18	28
Hakoah RG	8	4	4	25	19	28
Ness Ziona	7	3	6	27	24	24
Mac. Kiryat Gat	6	5	5	27	21	23
Hap. Kfar Sava	5	6	5	28	21	21
Hap Hadera	5	6	5	22	17	21
Hap. Jerusalem	5	6	5	27	26	21
Mac. Yavne	5	6	5	19	19	21
Hap. Talbe	5	6	5	14	16	21
Hap. Bat Yam	4	6	6	21	22	18
Hap. Ramat Gan	4	6	6	18	23	18
Hap. Lod	4	6	6	16	28	18
Hap. Ashkelon	4	4	8	20	31	16
Shimshon TA	3	5	8	13	21	14
Hap. Kiryat Shmona	3	5	8	12	28	14

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Sweden staves off Davis Cup elimination

JONAS Bjorkman and Jan Apell kept champions Sweden alive, as last year's finalist Russia and Germany took unbeatable leads in Davis Cup World Group first round action yesterday. Sweden trailed 2-0 after Denmark made a sensational start by winning both opening singles in Copenhagen on Friday, including victory by little-known Frederik Fetterlein over former world No. 1 Stefan Edberg.

But Bjorkman and Apell did not disappoint in the doubles rubber. The highly-rated pair beat Kenneth Carlsen and Morten Christensen to reduce Denmark's lead to 2-1 and set the scene for a thrilling finish in today's reverse singles.

Boris Becker and Michael Stich put past differences behind them when they teamed up to secure victory for Germany over Croatia in Karlsruhe. In Antwerp, Russia took an unbeatable 3-0 lead over Belgium when Yevgeny Kafelnikov woke up from a first-set nap to help Andrei Olhovskiy win their doubles match against Filip Dewulf and Libor Pimek.

Elsewhere, Thomas Muster and Alex Antonitsch beat French Open champion Sergi Bruguera and partner Emilio Sanchez to give Austria a 2-1 lead over Spain in Vienna. In Geneva, Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis beat Switzerland's Jakob Hlasek and debutant Lorenzo Manta to give the Netherlands a 2-1 lead.

Italy's Cristian Brandi and Stefano Pescosolido pulled off an upset over Martin Damm and Cyril Suk of the Czech Republic for a 2-1 lead in Naples. In Durban, South Africa and Australia shared the first day honors when their tie finally began yesterday after Friday's play was lost because of an unfit court.

Patrick Rafter put Australia ahead with a win over Marcos Ondruska, before Wayne Ferreira squared the tie with a victory against Mark Woodforde. *Reuter*

Andre Ward signs with Jacksonville Jaguars

FORMER Detroit Lions quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware signed a contract with the NFL expansion Jacksonville Jagmars. Ware, 26, is the first quarterback to sign with the Jaguars, who begin play this season. *Reuter*

Eagles hire new coach

RAY Rhodes, an assistant coach who won five Super Bowls with the San Francisco 49ers, has been hired as head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles. Rhodes, 43, in his second stint as defensive coordinator for the 49ers, replaces Rich Kotite. He becomes the National Football League's second black head coach, joining Dennis Green of the Minnesota Vikings. *AP*

Blackhawks psot OT win over Flames

TONY Amonte put the puck under Trevor Kidd 2:25 into overtime as the Chicago Blackhawks confirmed their mastery of the Calgary Flames with a 4-3 victory on Friday. The Blackhawks are 9-0-1 in their last 10 games against the Flames. Jeff Hackett made 27 saves for the Blackhawks.

In other Friday NHL action, it was Edmonton 5; Toronto 3, Detroit 5, Anaheim 2.

On Thursday, it was Boston 6, Ottawa 4; Florida 1, Montreal 1 in overtime; New Jersey 5, Quebec 4; NY Rangers 3, Tampa Bay 3 in overtime; NY Islanders 5, Philadelphia 4 in overtime; Buffalo 1, Washington 0; San Jose 2, Dallas 1; and St. Louis 5, Winnipeg 4 in overtime. *Reuter*

Baggio expects to return by end of month

ITALY'S Roberto Baggio breathed a sigh of relief on Thursday following exploratory "keyhole" surgery on his knee and said he expected to return to action by the end of the month. "I wanted to undergo this final test to be sure there were no lesions on my knee," the Juventus striker said. "Now that I am certain [there aren't any], I feel relieved,"

Baggio, 27, underwent surgery on Wednesday to find out why his right knee still hurt two months after injuring it in a league match against Padova. *Reuter*

Renassia wins monthly medal at Caesarea

Women's champion Tamar Renassia won the February monthly medal with a 71 nett at the Caesarea Golf Club on Friday. Mattie Geri finished second with a 73 and Shuki Tzadikian third with a 73, which included an ace on the 10th hole.

Manuella Fishbein won the B Division with a 66. Morris Portner had a 69 and Jules Cubernek shot 70 for third place. Reuven Chaiken won the C Division with a 65. Eli Segev finished in second and Louis Zinn settled for third. *Steve Weil*

Draw held for State Cup 8th round

THE draw for the eighth round of the State Cup was held on Friday.

All matches will be played on February 25.

Hapoel Yeruham v Maccabi Tel Aviv; Hapoel Karmiel v Maccabi Haifa; Maccabi Shikun Hamizrah v Maccabi Herzliya; Ahi Nazareth v Hapoel Beit She'an; Shimshon Tel Aviv v Bnei Yehuda; Maccabi Acre v Hapoel Beersheba; Hapoel Marmorek v Maccabi Netanya; Hapoel Kiryat Ono v Ironi Ashdod; Maccabi Petah Tikva v Hapoel Kafr Kana; Betar Jerusalem v Hapoel Bat Yam; Hapoel Haifa v Hakoah Ramat Ganl Betar Tel Aviv v Hapoel Kfar Sava; Hapoel Petah Tikva v Hapoel Lod; Zafririm Holon v Hapoel Ramat Gan; Hapoel Tel Aviv v Maccabi Kiryat Gat; Ironi Rishon v Hapoel Ashdod.

Cole's first goal for Man. United gives champions victory

LONDON (Reuter) – Andy Cole scored his first goal for Manchester United since his £7 million British record transfer last month to give the champions a 1-0 win over Aston Villa at Old Trafford.

The victory took United to within two points of Blackburn at the top of the English Premier League, although Blackburn could widen the gap again if they avoid defeat at Tottenham today.

Cole's first goal since his transfer from Newcastle – and his first in 10 league matches since November 26 – came after 18 minutes when he volleyed home on the turn from close range after Gary Pallister headed down a Ryan Giggs corner.

Giggs failed to complete the first half, limping off after being fouled by John Fashanu just before halftime. Fashanu was carried off on a stretcher after the incident, which held up play for five minutes.

Third-placed Newcastle, who had eight first choice players out through illness or injury, saw their title dreams recede further after they lost 3-0 at Queen's Park Rangers.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Coventry 2, Chelsea 2; Everton 2, Norwich 1; Ipswich 0, Crystal Palace 2; Leicester 1, West Ham 2; Manchester United 1, Aston Villa 0; Nottingham Forest 1, Liverpool 1; Queens Park Rangers 3, Newcastle 0; Sheffield Wednesday 3, Arsenal 1; Southampton 2, Manchester City 2; Wimbledon 0, Leeds 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	26	18	5	3	57	21	58
Man Utd	27	17	6	4	48	21	57
Newcastle	27	13	9	5	45	29	48
Liverpool	26	13	8	5	45	21	47
Not. Forest	27	13	7	7	40	29	46
Leeds	26	10	9	7	34	28	39
Tottenham	25	11	6	8	41	36	39
Sheff. Wed.	27	10	9	8	38	33	39
Wimbledon	26	10	8	8	31	40	38
Norwich	26	9	7	10	25	29	34
Arsenal	27	8	9	10	30	31	33
Chelsea	27	8	8	10	34	37	32
Manchester City	26	8	8	10	35	41	32
Aston Villa	27	7	10	10	32	36	31
Southampton	26	6	12	8	37	42	30
Crystal Palace	27	7	9	11	21	26	30
QPR	27	8	6	11	38	44	30
Everton	27	7	9	11	27	36	30
West Ham	28	8	4	14	24	33	28
Coventry	27	6	10	11	25	45	28
Ipswich	27	5	5	17	29	55	20
Leicester	26	4	6	16	24	45	18

DIVISION ONE: Bolton 5, Wolverhampton 1; Bristol City 3, Barnsley 2; Burnley 1, Swindon 2; Derby 2, Sheffield United 3; Luton 2, Oldham 1; Middlesbrough 0, Reading 1; Millwall 2, Grimsby 0; Southend 0, Watford 4; Stoke 0, Portsmouth 2; Sunderland 1, Port Vale 1; Tranmere 3, Notts County 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	29	14	8	7	49	31	50
Tranmere	29	14	7	8	46	33	49
Middlesbrough	28	14	7	7	41	26	49
Wolverhampton	29	14	5	9	50	39	47
Reading	29	13	8	8	34	27	47
Sheffield United	29	12	9	8	47	33	45
Watford	29	11	11	7	33	28	44
Grimsby	29	10	11	8	42	40	41
Barnsley	27	12	5	10	34	34	41
Luton	28	11	7	10	38	35	40
Millwall	28	10	10	8	36	32	40
Derby	28	10	8	9	35	30	38
Oldham	29	10	8	11	39	38	38
Southend	29	10	5	14	29	33	35
Stoke	27	9	8	10	28	33	35
West Brom	28	8	9	7	12	25	34
Charlton	27	8	9	10	41	45	33
Portsmouth	29	8	9	12	30	41	33
Swindon	27	8	8	11	36	43	32
Port Vale	27	8	8	11	33	36	32
Sunderland	28	8	8	14	8	28	32
Bristol City	29	8	6	15	25	39	30
Burnley	26	6	9	11	28	38	27
Notts County	29	6	6	17	30	42	24

DIVISION TWO: Birmingham 1, Stockport 0; Bradford 1, Shrewsbury 1; Brighton 1, Brentford 1; Cambridge United 1, Crewe 2; Chester 4, Rotherham 4; Huddersfield 1, Bristol Rovers 1; Hull 4, Cardiff 0; Leyton Orient 4, Peterborough 1; Oxford United 0, Bournemouth 3; Plymouth 1, York 2; Swansea 0, Wrexham 0; Wycombe 1, Blackpool 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Birmingham	26	15	8	3	48	17	53
Brentford	28	16	4	8	55	25	52
Huddersfield	28	14	9	5	49	33	51
Crewe	27	15	4	8	54	46	49
Wycombe	28	14	7	7	38	28	49
Oxford United	28	14	5	9	44	35	47
Hull	28	13	6	9	47	38	45
Blackpool	28	13	4	11	47	47	43
Bristol Rovers	24	11	10	3	42	22	43
Stockport	27	13	3	11	41	35	42
York	28	12	5	9	38	28	41
Bradford	27	11	7	9	36	37	40
Wrexham	24	10	8	6	42	32	38
Swansea	26	9	11	6	32	26	38
Rotherham	27	9	7	11	35	35	34
Peterborough	27	7	11	9	33	48	32
Brighton	28	7	10	9	27	34	31
Camb. United	29	7	9	13	38	53	30
Shrewsbury	27	7	7	13	33	36	28
Plymouth	26	6	5	15	28	55	23
Bournemouth	29	5	7	17	28	54	22
Cardiff	28	5	5	17	27	46	21
Leyton Orient	27	5	5	17	22	42	20
Chester	28	3	6	19	21	54	15

DIVISION THREE: Barnet 2, Darlington 3; Doncaster 0, Carlisle 0; Fulham 1, Bury 0; Gillingham 0, Lincoln 0; Hereford 2, Northampton 1; Preston 0, Chesterfield 0; Rochdale 1, Hartlepool 0; Scarborough 0, Exeter 2; Scunthorpe 3, Colchester 4; Walsall 1, Mansfield 0; Wigan 1, Torquay 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carlisle	27	18	8	1	48	17	62
Walsall	24	13	7	4	45	24	46
Chesterfield	26	13	7	6	35	25	46
Doncaster	27	12	8	7	34	21	44
Bury	23	12	6	5	32	17	42
Scunthorpe	27	12	5	10	48	38	41
Preston	27	12	5	10	34	27	41
Mansfield	27	12	4	11	52	40	40
Colchester	28	11	7	8	37	38	40
Barnet	25	11	6	8	33	33	39
Torquay	27	10	8	9	37	36	38
Fulham	27	9	11	7	32	31	38
Rochdale	25	9	6	11	33	48	33
Darlington	25	9	6	10	31	31	33
Lincoln	25	9	6	10	30	28	33
Wigan	25	7	6	12	34	40	27
Exeter	25	7	5	13	20	38	26
Hereford	27	6	7	14	31	50	25
Hartlepool	25	6	6	13	28	39	24
Gillingham	24	5	6	13	25	35	21
Northampton	28	4	9	13	21	35	21
Scarborough	25	4	5	16	26	47	17

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Falkirk 2, Hearts 0; Hibernian 1, Partick 2; Kilmarnock 3, Aberdeen 1; Motherwell 1, Celtic 0; Rangers 1, Dundee United 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	24	15	6	3	43	19	51
Hibernian	24	8	12	4	34	23	36
Motherwell	24	9	9	6	36	36	36
Celtic	24	6	14	4	24	21	32
Hearts	24	9	4	11	30	33	31
Kilmarnock	24	7	8	9	29	32	29
Falkirk	24	8	9	9	31	37	27
Dundee United	23	6	8	9	28	37	26
Aberdeen	24	5	9	10	28	32	24
Partick	23	5	7	11	23	37	22

Streaking Jazz, Magic put on hold

NEW YORK (AP) – The Utah Jazz lost on the road for the first time since November 19, dropping a 121-101 decision at Houston on Thursday.

Had they won, the Jazz would have tied the NBA record of 16 straight road victories set by the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers.

Meanwhile, the Orlando Magic got beat at home for the first time since April 29, losing 106-103 to Seattle to snap a string of 21 straight home victories.

In other action on Thursday, it was Detroit 85, Cleveland 83 and Sacramento 88, Chicago 68.

In Friday's games, it was Charlotte 117, Milwaukee 98; Indiana 118, Orlando 106; New York 106, Philadelphia 86; Miami 105, Washington 95; Seattle 121, Atlanta 98; Portland 112, MINNESOTA 97; San Antonio 114, Dallas 103; Golden State 106, LA Clippers 89; Denver 88, LA Lakers 74; and Phoenix 110, Chicago 100.

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Stocks soar

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) – Stocks soared on heavy volume Friday as an unexpectedly weak jobs report eased fears of inflation and higher interest rates. The Dow Jones industrial average closed nearly 60 points higher, after rising as much as 74 points earlier.

Stocks followed the bond market higher, where the 30-year US Treasury bond was up more than $10 per $1,000 face value.

The buying was sparked by a Labor Department report that unemployment rose to 5.7% last month from 5.4%. Only 134,000 jobs were added to nonfarm payrolls. The rise in unemployment surprised economists, who had expected the unemployment rate to drop by 0.1%, and about 300,000 jobs to be added to payrolls.

"The economy may be slowing down enough that the Federal Reserve won't have to raise rates again," said Hildegard Zagorski, a stock analyst at Prudential Securities, "but you have to be cautious, because this is only one month's numbers."

A report released later in the morning indicated robust economic growth. New factory orders rose 1.7% in December, led by a runup in defense orders.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 57.87 to 3,928.64. Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by about 7 to 2 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,847 up, 524 down and 572 unchanged. Big Board volume totaled 440.95 million shares at the close, against 322.04 million in the previous session.

Cyclicals recommended

WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) – If the economy is losing steam, conventional wisdom tells investors to load up on classic defensive stocks like food, drug, soft drink and tobacco.

Throw that old convention out, said Peter Canelo, NatWest Securities' market strategist.

"The classic defensive groups lack pricing power," Canelo declared. Investors "cannot flee to the usual safe havens that they use in slower economic periods."

Canelo's stock picks are an even bigger surprise. They include huge manufacturers like Caterpillar and Westinghouse.

Stocks such as these are often the first to turn lower when the economy sours. But Canelo contends that many manufacturing companies should do just fine in a declining economy, because they will still be able to raise prices, unlike the traditional consumer-oriented industries.

"The key point is that industrial company profits tend to move in synch with industrial pricing," Canelo writes.

Bond investors, who are usually heartened by bad economic news, sent bond prices soaring. Stocks followed suit, and the Dow Jones industrial average shot up 57.87 points to close at 3,928.64, up 70.65 for the week.

"The correction in US stocks and cyclicals that began early last year is almost over," Canelo writes.

Investors went on a buying spree on Friday, pushing all major stock indexes sharply higher. The NYSE's composite index rose 3.26 to 260.44, adding 4.55 for the week. The Standard and Poor's 500-stock index rose 5.86 to 478.64, up 8.25 for the week. The Nasdaq composite index rose 8.42 to 772.06, advancing 13.15 for the week. The American Stock Exchange's market value index rose 3.98 to 442.43, adding the week 5.68 higher.

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FTSE up 25

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – The FTSE 100 index of leading shares rose 25 points to close at 3,059.7, gaining a net 37.5 since last week.

FRANKFURT – German shares ended bourse trading steady at higher levels, lifted by renewed interest in chemicals and support from stronger index futures. The 30-share DAX index closed up 12.74 points at 2,057.99 for a gain of 26.29 over the week. In post-bourse trading the DAX stood at 2,077.94, up 39.48.

PARIS – In modestly active trading, the CAC-40 index closed up 26.33, at 1,842.43, a gain of 28.3 for the week.

$ advances on market rally

CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) – The American dollar rose broadly Friday, gaining on the strength of rallies in the US bond and stock markets after a weaker-than-expected January employment report suggested slower economic growth and diminished inflation.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 1.5272 German marks, up from 1.5180 late Thursday. In London, the dollar advanced to 1.5252 marks from 1.5180. The dollar also was changing hands in New York at 99.77 Japanese yen, up from 99.43. In London, the dollar rose to 99.70 yen from 99.46.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Thursday: 1.2935 Swiss francs, up from 1.2845; 5.2930 French francs, up from 5.2620; 1,612 Italian lire, up from 1,607; and 1.4010 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4058.

The British pound was quoted at $1.5635, down from $1.5820. In London, the pound fell to $1.5646 from $1.5834.

London's major bullion dealers fixed a final recommended gold price of $375.75 per ounce, unchanged from Thursday. In Zurich, the late bid price was also $375.75, similarly unchanged from late Thursday.

Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	NIS 3.0110	+ 0.06%
Sterling	NIS 4.7499	- 0.11%
Mark	NIS 1.9836	+ 0.19%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3928.64	+57.87
DJ Transport	1511.15	+18.66
DJ Utils	195.62	+2.57
DJ Comp	1320.32	+16.24
NYSE Indust	326.24	+3.2
NYSE Transport	232.7	+2.35
NYSE Comp	260.44	+3.26
S&P 100	444.23	+5.49
S&P Spot Index	478.65	+5.86
AMEX Comp	442.43	+3.98

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	+555	1848	524
Volume up (in 1000's)			333086
Volume down (in 1000's)			71678

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3059.7	+0
Tokyo Nikkei average	16938.9	+85.4
Singapore 66-share index	517.35	+0
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	7478.92	+0
Israel Index	121.37	-0.46

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pep	47	0
Ampal A	6.125	+0.0
Anyt	1.3125	+0
BioTechnology	2.375	-0.0625
Carmel Cont	7.5	+0.25
Frutarom (electrochem)	3.6875	0
Elbit	1.875	+0
Elr Lavud	7.375	+0
Elr Lavud A	6.375	+0
Lisse T.	5.375	+0
PEC	24.5	-0.25
Taskan	20.75	+1
NASDAQ ; over-the-counter		
Aladdin	8.3125	-0.0625
ATH. Dimension	4.25	-0.03125
Ampal 6.5	18	-1
BVR	5	+0.5
Comverse	12.25	+0.125
Dsps (Delense)	5.5625	+0.0625
ECI	13.9375	+0.3125
Edunetics	1.375	0
Eco-Soft	6	+0.375
Electric Fuel	5.75	+0.375
EFR	38	+0.25
Elbit	20.75	+0
Elron	10	+0
Elsint Robotec	0.5625	+0
Fibronix	0.875	+0
M. Systems	3.8375	+0
Galil	12.75	+0
ISG	1.6875	+0
Gecels	7.375	+0
Health Tech	1.5625	+0
Klan	0.34375	+0
IIS	3.4375	+0.0625
Intigo	29.25	+3.75
Interpharm	15	+0
Keramon	1.25	-0.03125
First Isr Fund	10.625	+0.5
Istek	0.4375	+0.09375
Lannet	21.875	+0.6875
Laserpacs	6.625	0
Magal	21.625	+0.125
Medis-Al	1.875	0
Mercury	12.75	+0
Magic	5.625	+0
Orsintech	11	+0.875
Osrap Tech	2	0
Rada	3.3125	-0.0625
Robomatics	0.25	0
Sapiens	2.375	+0.4375
Scitex	17.125	-0.125
Silcom	3.75	+0
T.A.T. Technol	2.6875	+0.0625
Taro Vit	8	-0.125
Telrad	5.75	+0.125
Telegroup	2.625	-0.125
Tower Semicond	13.75	+0
Tevo	36.9375	+0
TVG	1.1875	+0

(All listings are closing quotes)

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INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.5639	-0.0171
	Mar.future (CME)	1.5626	-0.0186
D-mark:	spot	1.5267	+0.0032
	Mar.future (CME)	1.5255	-0.0039
S-franc:	spot	1.2935	+0.006
	Mar.future (CME)	1.7742	-0.008
Yen:	spot	99.85	+0.44
	Mar.future (CME)	0.010097	-4.4e-005
CanDlr:	spot	1.401	-0.0042
	Mar.future (CME)	0.7132	+0.0031
AusDlr:	spot	0.7516	-0.008
	Mar.future (CME)	0.7501	-0.0071
F-franc:	spot	5.293	+0.0315
It Lira:	spot	1612.5	+7.5
Ecu:	spot	1.2135	+0.0092
AusStrlg:	spot	1.7106	+0.001
Rand:	spot	10.705	+0.01
ECU:	spot	3.5475	+0.005
Bonds	future	1.2345	-0.0088
S and P	future	102.24	+1.24
		461.05	+8.4

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	6.3125	0
Dollar	6 months	6.6875	0
Dollar	12 months	7.3125	0
Sterling	3 months	6.75	-0.0625
Sterling	6 months	7.125	-0.125
Sterling	12 months	7.75	-0.125
S-franc	3 months	3.6375	0
S-franc	6 months	4.1875	-0.0625
S-franc	12 months	4.5	0
D-mark	3 months	5.0625	0
D-mark	6 months	5.25	0
D-mark	12 months	5.7187	0
Yen	3 months	2.375	0
Yen	6 months	2.375	0
Yen	12 months	2.5625	0

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (CEC)	1348	+1
Coffee (Mar) (CEC)	154.35	-3.85
Sugar no.11 (Mar) (CEC)	14.35	-0.09
Wheat (Mar) (CBOT)	372.25	-4.5
Orange juice (Mar)(CEC)	105	-0.2
Crude oil light (Mar)(CEC)	18.76	+0.24

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (LCE)	1008	+5
Coffee (Jan) (LCE)	2533	0
Brent crude oil (Mar)(IPE)	1720	+31

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	378.05	-0.35
Silver:	spot	4.67	-0.05

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Feb)	378.8	-0.3
Silver (Mar)	4.672	-0.04
Platinum (Apr.)	414	-1.1
Palladium (Mar.)	158.7	-0.55
High-grade copper (Mar)	1.3125	-0.0245

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	378.35	+1.1
Gold PM fix	378.9	0
Silver fix	+73.5	+9
Platinum PM fix	414	0

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (1.2.95)

Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	5.500	5.875	6.500
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.125	5.500	6.125
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.000	4.250	4.825
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	2.875	3.125	3.375
Yen (10 million yen)	0.750	0.750	0.875

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (3.2.95)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.3480	3.3980	—	—	3.3902
U.S. dollar	2.9631	3.0352	2.93	3.07	3.0110
German mark	1.9631	1.9906	1.93	2.02	1.9836
Pound sterling	4.7058	4.7723	4.61	4.83	4.7489
French franc	0.5669	0.5749	0.55	0.58	0.5717
Japanese yen (100)	2.9554	3.0377	2.94	3.08	3.0235
Dutch florin	1.7528	1.7775	1.72	1.80	1.7689
Swiss franc	2.3251	2.3559	2.28	2.39	2.3440
Swedish krona	0.4000	0.4056	0.39	0.41	0.4040
Norwegian krone	0.4495	0.4548	0.44	0.46	0.4527
Danish krone	0.4980	0.5050	0.49	0.51	0.5027
Finnish mark	0.6334	0.6423	0.62	0.65	0.6394
Canadian dollar	2.1223	2.1522	2.08	2.18	2.1415
Australian dollar	2.2489	2.2816	2.20	2.32	2.2710
S. African rand	0.8408	0.8528	0.75	0.86	0.8488
Belgian franc (10)	0.9552	0.9687	0.94	0.98	0.9634
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7926	2.8321	2.74	2.87	2.8193
Italian lira (1000)	1.8572	1.8834	1.82	1.92	1.8743
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.17	4.43	4.2305
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.85	0.90	0.9483
ECU	3.7041	3.7584	—	—	3.7395
Irish punt	4.6527	4.7184	4.55	4.83	4.6961
Spanish peseta (100)	2.2599	2.2918	2.20	2.35	2.2782

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

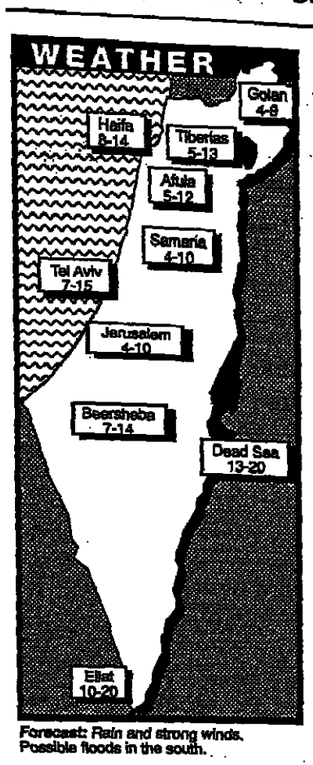
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NEW YORK

Name	Price	chg
AMP Inc	70.5	-0.125
AMR Corp	58	+1.5
ASA	44.125	-0.375
Abbott Labs	34.625	-0.125
Acme Cleveland	15.625	+0.25
Advanced Micro	31.375	+0.5
Aetna Life	50.5	+1.25
Affiliated Publ	8.5	+0
Aflac	38.75	+0.25
Ahmanson (H F)	17.625	+0.875
Air Prods	43.75	+1.125
Alberto-Culv B	27.125	+0
Albertson's	30.5	+0.5
Alcan Aluminum	26.25	+1.125
Alco Standard	65.875	+0.25
Allen & Alen	20.625	+0.125
Allegheny Power	23.875	-0.25
Allied Signal	37.25	+1.5
Alcoa	83.875	+0.25
Amax	27.5	+1.375
Amdahl Corp	10.625	+0.125
Amerada Hess	46.625	+1
Amer Brands	37.75	-0.125
Amer Cyanamid	-	-
Amer El Power	26.75	+0.75
Amer Express	22.25	+0.5
Amer Gen Corp	30.375	+0.875
Amer Greeting	28	+0.5
Amer Home Pr	70	+0.5
Amer Int'l	105.875	+3.75
Amer Natl Ins	47.125	+0.375
Amer Stores	34.125	+0.125
Amer T & T	51.125	+0.875
Amoskeag	43.5	+0.25
Amstek Inc	18.625	+0.375
Amoco	67.375	+0.375
Analog Devices	22.25	+0.625
Anheuser-Busch	54.125	+0.625
Aon Corp	33.75	+0.875
Apple Computer	40.5	-1.125
Archer Daniels	20.25	+0
Arde	-	-
Armco	6.125	-0.25
Armstrong World	45.25	-0.25
Asarco	27	+0.125
Ashland Oil	38	+0.125
AST Research	14.875	-0.25
Atlantic Richfld	105.875	-1.125
Auto Data Pro	60.5	+0.75
Autodesk	36	+1.25
Avery Dennison	36.875	+0.75
Avnet Inc	37	+0.625
Avon Products	59.75	-0.5
Baimco Corp	4.375	+0
Baldy Hughes	17.875	+0
Ball Corp	31.625	+0.125
Bally	7.625	+0
Baltimore Gas	24.875	+0.625
Banc One Corp	29.875	+0.375
Bandag	58	+0.75
BankAmerica	45.75	+1.5
Bank of Boston	29.625	+1.125
Bank of New Yk	31.625	+0.875
Bankers Trst NY	64.125	+1.25
Barnett Banks	44.25	+1.125
Battle Mount Gd	9.375	+0.375
Bausch & Lomb	32.125	+1.125
Baxter Intl	29.375	+0.125
Bedon Dickinson	51.75	-0.375
Bell Atlantic	53.5	+0.375
Bell Industries	21.5	+0
BellSouth	59.5	+1.125
HA Belo Corp	37	+0.5
Beneficial Corp	41.75	+1.875
Bethlehem Steel	15.875	+0.625
Beverly Enpms	13.5	-1.25
Black & Decker	23.75	-0.375
Boeing	46.625	+0.375
Bolse Cascade	28	+0.125
Borden Inc	13.125	-0.25
Bowater Inc	28.5	+0.625
Briggs & Strtn	35.75	+0.875
Bristl Myrs Squ	61.75	+0.5
Brit Airwy ADR	58.875	+0.375
BP ADR	76.375	-0.625
Brit Steel ADR	24.625	+0.5
Brit Telecom	63	+0.25
Broadway Stores	8	+0.25
Brooklyn Union	24.5	-0.25
Brown Group	31.875	+0.125
Brown & Sharpe	6.625	+0
Browning Ferris	31.875	-0.375
Brunswick	20	-0.125
Burlington Nthn	49.375	+0.625
CBI Inds	23.375	-0.25
CBS Inc	58.625	+0.375
CMS Energy Corp	24	+0.25
CPC Intern'l	54.625	+0.75
CSX Corporation	73.25	+0.25
Cabot Corp	31.25	+0.25
Campbell Soup	48.5	+0.75
Capital Cts ABC	88.625	+2
Carolina Pwr Lt	28.625	+0.5
Carpenter Tech	54.125	+0.25
Caterpillar	53	+0.75
Cenador Energy	9.625	+0.25
Centex Corp	22.875	+0.125
Central & SW	24.5	+0.375
Cerldan	29.375	+0
Champion Intl	41	+0.875
Chrlg Shoppers	6.125	+0
Chase Manhattan	33.875	+0.875
Chemical Bkg	39.625	+0.75
Chevron Corp	45.75	+0.375
Cheyenne Stwstrn	-	-
Chiquita Brands	13.5	+0.625
Chrysler	45.625	+0.375
Chubb Corp	60.125	+0.875
Cilcorp	43	+2
Clark Equipment	55.875	+2.75
Clevid Clifs	36.625	+0.5
Clorox	57.625	-0.375
Coastal Corp	27.25	+0.125
Coca Cola	53.125	+0.75
Coca Cola Ent	21.375	+0.25
Colgate Palmolv	53.125	+0.75
Comcast Corp A	16.25	+0.375
Conpaq	36.125	+0.125
Computa Ass Int	62.625	+1
Computer Sci	50.25	+0.75
Conagra	30.75	+0
Cons Edison	28.75	+0.5
Cons Freightways	20.75	+0.125
Cons Nat Gas	35.125	+0.375
Cons Rail	54.25	+0.375
Cont Corp	40	+0.625
Cooper Inds	39.625	+0.875
Coors (Adolph)	16	-0.25
Corning Inc	31.25	+0.125
Crane	27.5	+0.125
Cray Research	15.375	+0.625
Crown Cork Sea	20.625	+0
Cummins Engine	43	+0.25
Curtiss-Wright	35.625	+0
Cypress Semicon	26	+1.25
Cyprus Mineral	27.25	+0.25
DSC Commun	33.5	-0.25
DQE	32.375	+0.375
Dana Corp	22.75	+0.125
Data General	8	+0.25
Dayton Hudson	74.125	+2
De Beers	21.5	+0.625
Deere	75.125	+1.125
Delta Per & L	19.5	+0.375
Delta Air Lines	53.5	+0.875
Detroit Edison	28.75	+0.75
Dial Corp Del	24.25	+0.625
Diebold Inc	35.5	+0.25
Digital Equip	35.75	+0.25
Dillard Dep St	27.625	+0.375
Disney (Walt)	52	+1.125
Dominion Res	38.75	+0.75
Donelley (RR)	21.375	+1
Dover Corp	58.125	+1.375
Dow Chemicals	83.625	+1.25
Dow Jones	34	+0
Dresser	20.125	-0.125
Duke Power	40.375	+0.125
Dun & Bradst	49.875	+0.75
Du Pont	53.875	+0.375
E G & G Corp	13.875	+0.125
E-Systems	42.25	+0.25
Eastern Ente	38.125	+0.375
Eastman Kodak	48.75	+0.5
Eaton Corp	48.5	+0.125
Echlin Inc	33.25	+0.25
Emerson Elec	63.375	+0
Engelhard Corp	25.75	+0.375
Enron Corp	30.25	+0.375
Enserch Corp	13.25	+0.25
Entergy Corp	24.375	+0.25
Ethyl Corp	10.25	+0
Exxon	62.75	+1
FMC Corp	57.375	-0.125
FPL Group	36.875	+0.875
Fedders Corp	8.75	+0.125
Federal Exprss	62	-0.125
Federal Mogul	18.25	+0.5
Fed Nat Mtge	75.75	+1.875
Federal Pipr Bd	28.5	+0.5
Fieldcrest Can	22.125	-0.125
First Bank Sys	36.125	+0.625
First Chicago	48.5	+0.875
Fst Fid Bcorp	48	+0.5
First Interst	78.25	+2.375
Fst Mississip	23.625	+0.625
Fst Union Rity	8.25	+0.125
First Fini Grp	32.375	+0.375
Fleetwd Enterp	19.375	+0.875
Fleming Cos Ok	20.625	+0
Florida Prog	32.125	+0.875
Fluor Corp	48.625	+0.875
Food Lion Inc	5.375	+0
Ford Motor	28.75	+0.125
Foster Wheeler	30.5	+0
Freeport McMor	17.625	+0.375
GATX Corp	42	+0.5
Geico Corp	49.875	+0.5
GTE Corp	34	+0.5
Gannett	60.125	-0.375
Gap Inc Del	33.625	+0.125
Gencorp	13	+0.125
Gen Am Invest	19.25	+0.25
Gen Dynamics	62	+0.375
Gen Electric	82.125	+0.875
Gen Mills	59.5	-1.375
Gen Motors	39.25	+0
Gen Motors E	38.375	+0.5
Gen Motors H	34.75	+0
Gen Public Ut	29.5	+1
Gen Reinsurnce	130.5	+2.75
Gen Signal	34.625	+1.125
Genuine Parts	37.125	+0.875
Georgia Pac	76.125	+1.125
Gerber Prodcts	-	-
Gillette	77.125	+1
Glaxo ADR	20.875	+0.5
Golden W Finl	38.75	+1
Goodrich (BF)	44.125	+0.25
Goodyear Tire	37.125	+0.75
Grace (W&R)	42.5	+2.125
Grainger (WW)	58.625	-0.125
Gt Atl Pac Tea	18.875	+0.25
Gt Western Finl	18.25	+0.5
Grow Group	15	+0.625
Halliburton	34.875	-0.125
Harcos (NAA)	24.5	-0.125
Harcourt	33.5	+0.5
Harley Davidson	27.5	+0
Harnischfeger	28.25	-0.125
Harris Corp	42.875	+0.125
Hasbro Corp	42.125	+0.875
Hartmarx	6.75	+0
Hasbro	29.375	+0.25
Hecla Mining	9.375	-0.375
Heinz (H.J)	36.625	+0.5
Hench & Payne	25.25	-0.125
Hercules	42.75	+0.125
Hershey Foods	49.5	+0.625
Hewlett Packard	101.125	-0.375
Hilton Hotels	67.375	+0.125
Home Depot	48.125	+0.25
Homestake	15.375	+0.25
Honeywell	34.875	+0.25
Hormel (Geo)	28	+0.375
Household Intl	41.5	+1.5
Houston Inds	40.625	+0.375
Humana	25.375	+0.5
IBM	74.625	+0.25
Illinova Corp	23.375	+0.5
Ilinois Tool	42.5	+1.375
INCO	27.875	+0
Ingersoll Rand	31.75	+0.625
Inland Steel	28.875	+1.375
Intel Corp	73.5	+1.875
Interpmgh	11.375	+0.375
Interlake	2.25	+0.125
Intl Flav&Fr	48.75	+0.5
Intl Multifoods	18.75	+0
Int Paper	74.25	+0.875
Interpublic	33.25	+0.375
ITT Corp	95.5	+3
James River Va	23.5	+0.625
Jefferson Pil	59.375	+0.25
Johnson & J	57.375	+0.5
K Mart	13.5	+0.125
Kellogg	64.25	-0.375
Kemper Corp	37	+0.625
Kerr-McGee	48	+0.25
KeyCorp	38.5	+0.375
Kimberly-Clark	60.5	+0.875
King World Prod	36.625	+0.375
Knight Ridder	51.625	+0.125
Kroger	26.25	+0.875
LSI Logic	44.125	-1.25
Leggett & Platt	24.5	+1.625
Lincolnfin Natl	47.375	+0.625
Lilly (Eli)	66.125	+0.375
Limited Inc	18.75	-0.125
LIN Broadcasting	139.125	+0.125
Lincoln Nat	36.875	+1.125
Litton	38.75	+0.625
Liz Claiborne	17	+0
Lockheed Corp	71.75	+0.25
Loews Corp	94.25	+0.875
Lone Star	19.625	-0.375
Long Island Lt	19.5	+0
Longs Drug Stor	31.625	-0.75
Lorel Corp	41.125	+0.625
Lotus Dev Corp	44.25	+0.25
Louisiana Land	33	+0
Louisiana Pacif	27.875	+0.125
Lowe's Co Inc	36.5	+0
Lubrizol	34.25	+0.875
MA Comm Inc	7.375	-0.125
MCI Commun	19.125	+0
Manor Care	30.25	-0.125
Manville Corp	8	+0.125
Mapco Inc	53.25	+0.5
Marion Merrell	25.125	-0.625
Marriott	32	+1.25
Marsh & McLn	81.25	+0.5
Martin Marietta	146	+4
Marvel	15.625	+0.375
Masco Corp	34.75	+0.875
Massmutual Corp	31	+0.25
Mattel Inc	22.375	+0.625
Maxus Energy	3.625	+0
May Dept St	35.375	+0.25
Maytag Corp	15.25	+0.125
McDermott	26.5	+0.125
McDonalds	32.25	+0.25
McDonnell Dglas	54	+0.375
McGraw Hill	64.75	-0.125
McKesson Corp	37	+0.125
Mead Corp	52	-0.25
Medtronic	59.375	+1.25
Mellon Bk	38.625	+1.25
Melville Corp	30.75	-0.125
Mentor Graphics	13.5	+0
Mercantile Stre	44.875	-0.25
Merck Inc	39.75	+0
Meredith Corp	47	+0.125
Merrill Lynch	36.75	+1.5
Microsoft Corp	90.125	+1.125
Millipore	49.375	+0.5
Mine Safety App	43.5	+0
Minnesota Mini	51.375	+0.125
Mitchell Energy	15.25	-0.625
Mobil Corp	97.625	+0.5
Molex Inc	30.75	+0.5
Monarch Machi	9.375	+0
Monsanto	74.125	+1.5
Morgan (JP)	83.875	+1.625
Morrison-Knudsn	9.5	+0.375
Morton Intl	30	+0.125
Motorola Inc	61.25	+0.625
Multimedia Inc	29.75	+1
Murphy Oil	43.75	+0.375
Nacco Inds	46.875	-0.125
Nalco Chemical	34.125	+0.25
Nashua Corp	19	-0.25
Nat City Corp	27	+0.25
Natl Intergrp	-	-
Natl Medcl Ent	15.75	+0
Natl Semi	19	+0.25
Natl Serv Ind	28.125	+0
NatWest Bank	46.75	-0.125
Navistar Int	15.625	+0
NBD Bancorp	31.375	+1.375
Network Systems	5.5	+0.0625
Neutrogena Corp	-	-
New England El	33.625	+0.5
News Corp	17.5	+0.75
NY State El Gas	21.125	+0.375
NY Times A	21	-0.25
Newmont Mining	34.25	-0.75
Nieg Mohawk	14.75	+0
Nicor Inc	23.75	+0.125
Nike Inc	71	+1.125
NL Industries	11.875	+0
Noble Affil	21.125	+0.625
Nordstrom	42.75	+1.25
Norfolk Southrn	62.625	+0.5
Northeast Util	24	+0.25
Nthn State Pwr	48.875	+0
Northrop	42.375	+0.875
Norwest Corp	24.75	+0.875
Nynex Corp	58.75	+0.5
Occidental Pet	19	+0.375
Ogden Corp	-	-
Ohio Casualty	32.125	+0.25
Ohio Edison	21.375	+0.5
Olin Corp	60.625	+0.625
Omnicom Group	62.875	+1.25
Oneok Inc	17.625	+0.125
Oracle Systems	44	+1.125
Oryx Energy Co	10.25	+0.25
Oshkosh B'gosh	14	+0
Outboard Marine	20.25	+0
Overseas Ship	22	+0.125
Owens Corning	31.375	+1
PHH Group	36.5	+0.5
PNC Financial	24.25	+0.25
PPG Industries	36.375	+0.375
PSI Hldgs	-	-
Pacific Enterprises	23.125	+0.375
Pac Gas & Elect	25.375	+0.375
Pac Telesis	30.625	+0.5
Pall Corp	18.75	-0.125
Panh Eastern	21.5	+0.375
Parker Drilling	4.875	+0
Parker Hannifin	46.5	-1.125
Pennwalt(JC)	43.375	+0.625
Pennzoil Pur Lt	30.75	+0
Pennzoil	44.875	+0
People's Energy	28.75	+0
Pepsico	38.875	+0.875
Perkin Elmer	28	+0.25
Petrie Stores	22.375	+0.75
Pfizer	80	+0.5
Phelps Dodge	53.5	-0.625
Philadel Elec	27.25	+0.375
Phillip Morris	60.75	+0.25
Phillips Pet	31.625	+0.25
Pioneer Hi Brad	36.5625	+0.3125
Pitney Bowes	32.75	+1.25
Policy Mgt Syst	41.125	+

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WEATHER



Forecast: Rain and strong winds. Possible floods in the south.

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW C	LOW F	HIGH C	HIGH F	
Amsterdam	04	39	09	48	cloudy
Berlin	00	32	03	37	cloudy
Buenos Aires	16	61	26	82	clear
Cairo	09	48	18	64	clear
Chicago	-06	21	02	36	clear
Copenhagen	02	36	03	37	rain
Frankfurt	-01	30	04	39	cloudy
Geneva	-01	30	09	48	cloudy
Helsinki	-02	28	00	32	rain
Hong Kong	11	52	18	61	clear
Joburg	15	61	28	82	clear
Lisbon	13	55	18	64	clear
London	10	50	12	54	cloudy
Los Angeles	15	59	31	88	cloudy
Madrid	08	46	17	63	clear
Montreal	-14	07	-09	16	clear
Moscow	-12	10	01	34	pcloudy
New York	-03	27	01	34	snow
Paris	08	46	11	52	rain
Rome	05	41	15	59	clear
Stockholm	00	32	02	36	clear

WHERE TO GO

JERUSALEM

Conducted Tours

HEBREW UNIVERSITY. Tours of the Mount Scopus campus, in English, daily Sun.-Thur., 11 a.m. from Bronfman Reception Centre, Sherman Administration Bldg. Buses 4a, 9, 23, 26, 28. For info, call 882819.

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TEL AVIV

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GENERAL ASSISTANCE

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

Jerusalem: Kupat Holim Clalit, Straus A, 3 Avigdori, 706860; Baisam, Salah e-Din, 272315; Shuafat, Shuafat Road, 810108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 282058.

Tel Aviv: Ben-Yehuda, 142 Ben-Yehuda, 522-3535; Afarsemon, 110 Yehuda Halevi, 561-3010. Till 3 a.m. Monday: Ben-Yehuda, 142 Ben-Yehuda, 5223535. Till midnight: Superpharm Ramat Aviv, 40 Einstein, 6413730.

Ra'anana-Kfar Sava: Merkaz Ra'anana, 120 Ahuza, Ra'anana, 903798.

Netanya: Kupat Holim Clalit (till midnight) 8 Raziel, 603549; (after midnight) 31 Brodetzky, 628121.

Krayot area: Harman, 4 Simtat Modi'in, Kiryat Motzkin, 707770/3.

Haifa: Massada, 30 Massada, 665806. **Herzliya:** Clal Pharm, Beit Merkazim, 6 Maskit (cnr. Sderot Hagalim), Herzilya Pituah, 558472, 558407. Open 9 a.m. to midnight.

Upper Nazareth: Clal Pharm, Lev Ha'ir Mall, 570468. Open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

DUTY HOSPITALS

Jerusalem: Shaare Zedek (internal, orthopedics, obstetrics, ENT); Bikur Holim (surgery); Hadassah Ein Kerem (pediatrics, ophthalmology). In case of heart attack, attempted resuscitation, snake bite or scorpion sting, go immediately to nearest hospital.

Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv Medical Center (pediatrics), Ichilov (internal, surgery).

Netanya: Laniado.

POLICE	**100**
FIRE	**102**
FIRST AID	**101**

Magen David Adom

In emergencies dial 101 (Hebrew) or 911 (English) in most parts of the country. In addition:

Ashdod* 551333	Karmiel* 988555
Ashkelon 551332	Kfar Sava* 902222
Bat Yam* 5511111	Kiron 9311111
Beersheba* 274767	K. Shmona* 944334
Beit Shemesh 523133	Naharlya* 812333
Dan Region* 5793333	Netanya* 623333
Eilat* 372333	Petah Tikva* 9311111
Hadera* 09-623333	Rehovot* 451333
Haifa* 512233	Rishon* 9842333
Hatzor* 920333	Safed 920333
Holon* 5511111	Tel Aviv* 5460111
Jerusalem* 523133	Tiberias* 790111

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Medical help for tourists (in English) 177-022-9110

Eran — Emotional First Aid. Jerusalem 610303, Tel Aviv 5461111 (children/youth 6951113), Haifa 672222, Beersheba 281128, Netanya 625110, Karmiel 9988770, Kfar Sava 974555, Hadera 348789.

Wizo hotlines for battered women 02-514111, 03-5461133 (also in Russian), 07-376310, 08-550506 (also in Amharic).

Rape Crisis Center (24 hours), Tel Aviv 5234819, 5448191 (men), Jerusalem 514455, Haifa 660111, Eilat 31977.

The National Poison Control Center at Rambam Hospital 04-529205, for emergency calls 24 hours a day, for information in case of poisoning.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

CASPAR and *Cabaret Levin*, two plays from Tel Aviv University's Drama Department, are going to the International Student Drama Festival at Brno in the Czech Republic at the end of the month. Directed by David Zinder, *Caspar* is German playwright Peter Handke's version of the myth that grew around Caspar Hauser, the mysterious boy who appeared one day in 1828 on the streets of Nuremberg. *Cabaret Levin* is just that, a musical revue of songs and sketches by Hanoch Levin, Israel's mordantly comic iconoclast. *Caspar* is in the Little Theater in the Mexico building, and *Cabaret Levin* in Gilman, both on campus. Tonight and through Tuesday at 8:30 (Hebrew).

More student theater, this time in Jerusalem. Experimental theater director Avishai Milstein has adapted Peter Weiss's big-canvas *Marat-Sade*, made famous by Peter Brook. The actors are third-year Nissan Nativ students. Tonight and through Thursday in the studio at 8:30 (Hebrew).



Sharon Curley (Tina Kellegher) holds the the baby that has turned her family upside down in 'The Snapper.'

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra performs Dov Seltzer's *Stempeniu*, a Jewish drama for narrator, violin and orchestra with Shmulik Segal (narrator) and concertmaster Nitai Zori as soloists. The Jewish-oriented program also features Prokofiev's *Overture on Jewish Themes*, Verdi's overture to *Nabucco*, a new work by jazz composer Guri Agmon, and traditional Jewish music arranged for clarinet and orchestra with Shmuel Ahiezer as soloist. Music director Yeruham Scharovsky is on the podium tonight, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday in Ra'anana (at 9), next Sunday in Netanya and February 14 at the Tel Aviv Museum (8:30 p.m.). In all these performances *Stempeniu* will be performed in Hebrew. In a special matinee concert this Friday (2 p.m.) in Ra'anana, Segal will narrate the work in Yiddish.

TELEVISION

PENNY STARR

THE Family Channel begins showing its latest single-name Spanish soap today. Virtually the only difference is that this time she's called *Roxanne*. She makes her appearance at 2:50 p.m.

If you prefer your soap operas in English, then tune to Star Plus for the pilot of *Home and Away*. If you missed meeting the folks of Summer Bay daily on Channel 2, you'll be happy to see the rerun of Pippa, Alf *et al.* today at 3:30 p.m.

In the evening check out the world of finance in Channel 2's *Money*. It's only 15 minutes long and the info is quite clear, which makes it accessible to laymen as well as those in the know. The show airs at 8:30 p.m., after the news.

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★★ **THE SNAPPER** – Stephen Frears's *The Snapper* is that rare entity, a genuinely sweet film about people with real teeth and real skin. The Curley family – dad, mom, six rowdy kids and a dog – have their share of real problems. At the start of the movie, the oldest daughter announces that she's pregnant (she's also 20 years old and single). While the film's scale and subject matter do suggest a kind of Gaelic *All in the Family*, Frears rises to the tricky challenge of sustaining our interest in these people and their small doings throughout a full-length feature. The pleasures that the movie consistently provides are a credit to the director's mellow comic timing, his uncluttered dramatic sense, and the unsentimental sympathy he extends to each and every character. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

CINEMA

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE My Favorite Year 7 ★ The Hudsucker Proxy 9:30 ★ Yes, Yes, Love (three short documentaries) 9:30 **G.G. Gil. Jerusalem Mall (Malha)** ☎ 768448 Disclosure•The River Wild 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Forrest Gump•Shawshank Redemption 4:30, 7, 9:45 ★ The Real McCoy 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Junior 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Six Days and Six Nights weekdays 4:30, 7, 9:30 JERUSALEM THEATER L'accompagnatrice•Lifetimes 7, 9:30 ORION ☎ 252914 The Specialist•Natural Born Killers•Interview With the Vampire 5, 7:15, 9:15 ★ Kentucky Fried Movie•Exotica 5, 7:30, 9:30 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Trial By Jury 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 4, 7, 9:45 ★ Terminal Velocity 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Only You 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Mother's Boys 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Road to Wellville 5, 7:15, 9:45 RON 1-2 ☎ 234704 1 Rabbi Akiva St. Frankenstein 5, 7, 9:30 ★ Sh'chur 5, 7:30, 9:30 SEMADAR The Snapper 5, 7 ★ Reservoir Dogs 9

TEL AVIV
DEKEL ☎ 5443200 94 Yehuda Hamaccabi St. Speed 7:30, 9:30 DIZENGOFF 1-3 ☎ 200485 Dizengoff Center into the West 1, 7:30 ★ Reservoir Dogs 11 a.m., 3, 5:15, 9:45 ★ Burnt by the Sun 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7 ★ True Romance 9:45 ★ Exotica 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 DRIVE IN The Color of the Night 10 ★ Sex Film 12 midnight GAN HA'IR Priscilla 5, 7:30, 9:45 GAT The Road to Wellville 5, 7:25 GORDON The Woman Who Made Sesame Oil 6, 8 ★ The Diary of Nani Moretti 10 G.G. HOD 1-4 ☎ 5228090 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. The River Wild 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10 ★ Forrest Gump 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Priscilla•Junior 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10 LEV 1-4 ☎ 5288288 Shawshank Redemption 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Lifetimes 12, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Naked 2 ★ The Browning Version 12, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Sh'chur 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 RAV-CHEN☎ 5282288* Dizengoff Center Terminal Velocity 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 1:15, 4:15, 7, 9:45 ★ Frankenstein•Only You 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Trial by Jury 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674* Opera House Four Weddings and a Funeral•Nightmare Before Christmas•Serial Mom•Mother's Boys•Trial by Jury 5, 7:30, 9:50 G.G. SHAHAF 1-2 Forrest Gump 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Schindler's List 7:30 G.G. TAYELET 1-3 ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St. Interview With the Vampire•Natural Born Killers•The Client 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. TEL AVIV ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. Disclosure 5, 7:15, 10 ★ Junior 5, 7:30, 10 ★ The River Wild 5, 7:30, 10 TEL AVIV MUSEUM ☎ 6961297 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard The Snapper 5, 7:45, 10 ZAFON L'accompagnatrice 5, 7:30, 9:45

HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 325755 Priscilla 9:15 ★ Natural Born Killers 7:15, 9:15 ★ Strawberries and Chocolate 7:15 ATZMON 1-5 ☎ 573003 Junior•The Real McCoy•The River Wild•Sh'chur 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ Disclosure 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 CINEMA CAFÉ MORIAH ☎ 242477 Gilbert Grape 7:15, 9:30 ORLY Lifetimes 6:45, 9:15 PANORAMA 1-3 ☎ 382020 Widow's Peak 4:15, 6:45, 9:30 ★ L'accompagnatrice 4:30, 7 ★ Exotica 9:30 ★ The Snapper weekdays 4:30, 7, 9:30 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 674311 Pulp Fiction 6:30, 9:20 ★ Terminal Velocity 4:45, 7, 9:20 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 416899/8 Four Weddings and a Funeral 4:45, 7, 9:15 ★ Pulp Fiction 4, 6:30, 9:30 ★ Shawshank Redemption 6:30, 9:15 ★ The Road to Wellville 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ Terminal Velocity 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Trial by Jury 4:45, 7, 9:15 ★ Only You 4:45, 7, 9:15 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 246553 Shawshank Redemption 6:40, 9:20 ★ The Road to Wellville 4:30, 6:50, 9:20 ★ Trial by Jury 4:45, 7, 9:20 ★ Baby's Day Out 4:30

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STAR Forrest Gump 7:15 ★ Terminal Velocity 7:15, 9:45 ★ Sh'chur 7:30, 9:45 ★ Disclosure 9:45

ASHDOD
G.G. Gil. Sh'chur•Disclosure•The River Wild•Junior•Terminal Velocity 4:30, 7, 9:45

ASHKELON
G.G. Gil. Junior•Sh'chur•The River Wild 4:45, 7, 9:45 ★ Disclosure•Forrest Gump 4:30, 7, 9:45 RAV CHEN 1-5 ☎ 711223 Trial By Jury•Mother's Boys•Four Weddings and a Funeral•Terminal Velocity 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 4, 7, 9:45

BAT YAM
RAV CHEN ☎ 5531077 Disclosure 5, 7:25, 9:55 ★ The River Wild 9:50 ★ Pulp Fiction 7, 9:45 ★ Shawshank Redemption 4:30, 7:15, 9:55 ★ Terminal Velocity 5, 7:30, 9:50 ★ Sh'chur 5, 7:30, 9:50 ★ Only You 5, 7:30, 9:50 ★ Junior 5, 7:30

BEERSHEBA
G.G. Gil. The River Wild 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Disclosure 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Junior•Sh'chur 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 RAV-NEGEV 1-4 ☎ 235278 Pulp Fiction 4:10, 7, 9:50 ★ The Road to Wellville 5, 7:25, 9:55 ★ Terminal Velocity 5, 7:30, 9:50 ★ Only You 5, 7:30, 9:50

DIMONA
MOFET Angels 8

HADERA
LEV 1-4 ☎ 343555 Shawshank Redemption 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Terminal Velocity•Junior•The River Wild 4:30, 7:30, 9:45

HERZLIYA
COLONY CINEMA 1-2 (MANDARIN) ☎ 8902668 Forrest Gump 7:30, 10:15 ★ Only You 7:30, 10 DANIEL HOTEL ☎ 544044 THE AUDITORIUM L'accompagnatrice (English dialogue) 7:15, 9:30 STAR☎ 589068 29 Sokolov St. Junior 7:30 ★ Disclosure 9:45 ★ Terminal Velocity 7:30, 9:45 ★ Sh'chur 7:30, 9:45

KARMIEL
CINEMA 1-3 ☎ 887277 Terminal Velocity•Junior•The River Wild 7, 9:30

KFAR SAVA
G.G. Gil. Disclosure 4:45, 7:15, 10 ★ Pulp Fiction 4, 7, 10 ★ Forrest Gump 4:45, 7:15, 10 ★ The River Wild 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Junior 4:45,7:15, 9:45 ★ Shawshank Redemption 4:30, 7:15, 10

KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. KIRYON 1-9 ☎ 779166 Junior•The River Wild 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Forrest Gump•Sh'chur•Lifetimes 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Disclosure 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ The Mask 4:45 ★ Gilbert Grape•Exotica 7, 9:30 ★ Angels 4:45 ★ The Lion King 4:45

KIRYAT MALACHI
HAKIRYA Mother's Boys 7:30, 9:30 MOFET Forrest Gump 7, 9:30

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STAR Forrest Gump 9:30 ★ The Real McCoy 7:15 ★ Junior 7:15, 9:45 ★ Sh'chur 7:30, 9:45

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G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 404729 Disclosure 4:45, 7, 9:45 ★ Sh'chur•Junior 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The River Wild 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 628452 The River Wild 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Disclosure•Sh'chur 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Shawshank Redemption 4:30, 7, 9:45 ★ Junior 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 RAV-CHEN 1-4 ☎ 618570 Pulp Fiction 4:10, 7:05, 9:50 ★ The Road to Wellville 5, 7:25, 9:50 ★ Terminal Velocity 5, 7:30, 9:50 ★ Trial By Jury 5, 7:30, 9:50

OR YEHUDA
G.G. Gil. Forrest Gump 4:30, 7, 9:45 ★ Disclosure•Junior•Sh'chur 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL 1-3 ☎ 9300844 Disclosure 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Junior•Terminal Velocity 5, 7:15, 9:45 G. G. RAM 1-3 ☎ 9340818 Forrest Gump 4:30, 7, 9:45 ★ Sh'chur•The River Wild 5, 7:15, 9:45

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MOFET Four Weddings and a Funeral 7, 9:30 PARK Junior 5, 7:30 ★ Disclosure•Lifetimes 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Pulp Fiction 7, 9:45 ★ The River Wild 10 ★ Terminal Velocity 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Baby's Day Out 5

RAMAT GAN
RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 797121 Trial by Jury 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 4, 7, 9:45 ★ The Road to Wellville 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The River Wild 5, 7:30, 9:45 RAV-OASIS 1-3 ☎ 5730687 Disclosure 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Junior•Terminal Velocity 5, 7:30, 9:45

RAMAT HASHARON
KOKHAV ☎ 5491979 Forrest Gump 7, 9:30

REHOVOT
CHEN 1-4 ☎ 485979 Pulp Fiction 6:45, 9:45 ★ Junior 7:15 ★ Gilbert Grape 9:45 ★ Shawshank Redemption 7, 9:45 ★ Terminal Velocity 7:15, 9:45

RISHON LEZION
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19:30 Profiles of the Moslem World **19:50** Charlie Chaplin **20:00** Erebus "Aftermath" – Part 1 **21:00** Step by Step (comedy) **21:30** Heartbeat **22:00** News in English **22:20** Film: Night Crossing (1981) – Walt Disney production about a real-life escape by hot-air balloon of two East Berlin families. Starring John Hurt and Jane Alexander (106 mins) **00:00** Till We Meet Again

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The Methodist Hour **14:30** John Osteen **15:00** In Touch **16:00** Foundations of a Happy Family **16:30** Film: Send Me No Flowers (1964) – Rock Hudson is a hypochondriac married to Doris Day. Convinced that death is imminent, he searches for a new husband for his wife (98 mins) **18:15** IWF Wrestling **19:00** Middle East TV Sports Hour **20:00** CNN Headline News **21:00** NBA Action Show **23:30** Answers **00:00** Film: Trapped (1949) – Treasury agents facilitate a prisoner's break-out hoping he will lead them to a counterfeit ring (78 mins)

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■ CHILDREN (6)

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22:00 Queen of Hearts (1989) – Gentle, mystical comedy about an Italian couple living in England where they run a quirky family cafe. (105 mins) **23:50** Somewhere I'll Find You (1942) – romantic drama set during WWII. Two war correspondents (Clark Gable and Robert Sterling) fall for the same journalist (Lana Turner). (108 mins)

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■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Musical Matinee **9:05** Albinoni: Concerto in G minor for oboe, strings and continuo op 9/8; Bach: Cantata no 82; Mozart: Piano sonata in F K332 (Gabrilov); Weber: Quintet in B flat for clarinet and strings op 34; Glazunov: Concerto Ballade for cello and orch op 108; Brahms: Sonata no 1 in G for violin and piano op 78; Dvorak: Symphony no 8 **12:00** Light Classical – overtures to operettas by Offenbach and J. Strauss II **13:00** Artists of the Week – cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Bach: Sonata no 1 in G for viola da gamba and harpsichord (with Kenneth Gilbert); Mozart: Sonata in B flat for bassoon and cello K292; Schumann: Cello concerto in A minor **14:06** Encore – excerpts from Bizet's Carmen **15:00** From the Record Shelf **16:00** Music for Sunday – William Byrd: Ave Verum Corpus; Peter Phillips: Ave Verum Corpus; Praetorius: Magnificat; Matins in the Russian Provoslavic Church; Fauré: Requiem **18:00** New CDs – Mendelssohn: Sonata in E flat for clarinet and piano; Franck: Chorale no 3 in A minor for organ; Mahler: Symphony no 2 **20:05** From Our Concert Halls – Israel Philharmonic Orch. cond John Adams, soloist Gideon Kremer (violin). Schubert: Polonaise in B flat for violin and strings D580; John Adams: Violin concerto; Haydn: Symphony no 83; Britten: Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra **21:30** Piano recital – Nikolai Demidenko. Beethoven: Sonata no 12 in A op 26, Sonata no 14 in C sharp minor op 27/2 "Moonlight"; Chopin: Ballade no 3 in A flat op 47, Berceuse in D flat op 57, Sonata no 2 in B flat minor op 35; Schubert: Impromptu **23:00** Sounds to End the Day

■ RADIO 3

Music all day and night

■ REKA

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■ ARMY ON WHEELS

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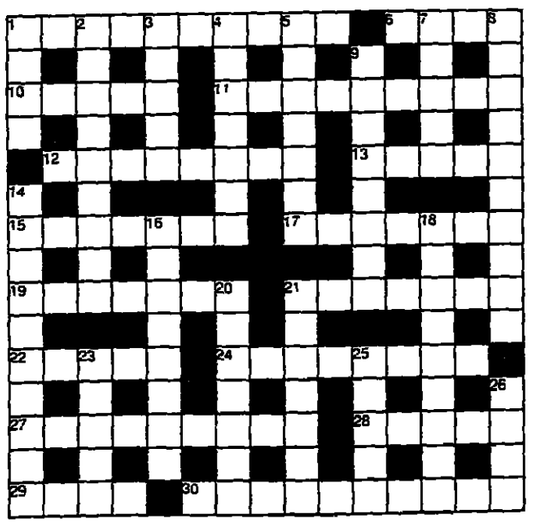
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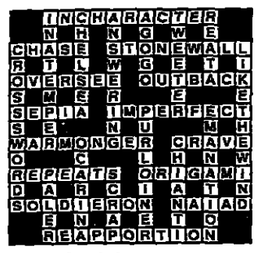
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17 Loving a party, telephone! (7)
19 It is put into orbit for a brighter outlook (7)
21 Caterpillar saw spineless person (7)
22 Mark of Lincoln in the fifties? (5)
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29 Sort of square bottom makes one lean, thus (4)
30 Harsh, stern giant reformed! (10)

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2 Mickey's home in Cornwall (9)
3 Low sound of Greek night-hooter? (5)
4 Lines in old books with copy in excess of space available (7)
5 First-class coins, perhaps, for overseas capital (7)
7 Ignited high explosive which is pliant (5)
8 Plans for television's first megastars to be worked out (10)
9 No room underneath the arches for Bobby? (8)
14 Amphetamine check of seventy on the road (5,5)
16 Highest country in which to find Ness, say? (8)
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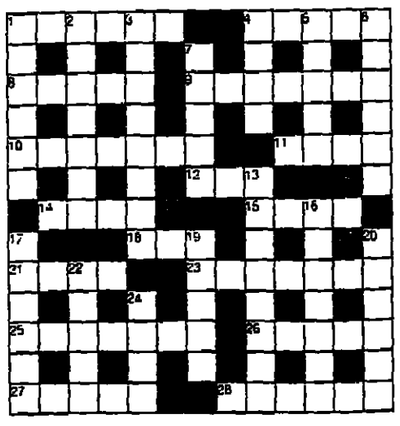
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4 Arrears (5)
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9 Pasta squares (7)
10 West Indian ballad (7)
11 Oxford, for example (4)
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14 Fencing sword (4)
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23 German port (7)
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27 Decipher (5)
28 Deep ditch (6)

**DOWN

Peres attacks direct election of PM

SARAH HONIG

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres yesterday resumed his attack on the direct election of the prime minister and on the primaries system practiced by Labor.

"The direct elections system will be overturned by a sizable majority of MKs if the parties allow MKs the freedom to vote according to their consciences," Peres told a gathering of Labor activists in Tel Aviv yesterday.

He used the opportunity to press ahead with demands he raised a month ago to change the nation's and the party's electoral systems.

This puts Peres on a direct collision course with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, one of the most enthusiastic advocates of direct elections.

In his speech, Peres asserted that "there is awareness in all parties that the direct election of the prime minister was a bad idea and that a majority now exists in the Knesset to cancel the law."

He said the problem is that the party leaders are forcing their opinion on the MKs via party discipline. "It is clear that if this discipline were lifted, the law would be easily amended," he said.

According to Peres "direct election harbors dangers to democracy unless accompanied by parallel reforms in the system of Knesset elections. All this necessitates the greatest of care and caution.

"Nothing should be rushed into and alternatives must be seriously studied," he added.

President Ezer Weizman voiced similar concerns over the weekend, raising the possibility that a prime minister of one party may be elected and face a Knesset composed by a majority of MKs from the rival bloc.

Peres blamed the "break down of internal order in Labor" on the primaries system in which no MK owes allegiance to the party any more and feels he can do as he pleases.

This malaise, he warned, "will cause Labor to lose power."



Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen Amnon Shahak awards the rank of major-general to Oren Shahor, the new coordinator of government activities in the territories. Shahor replaces Maj.-Gen Danny Rothschild. At right is Oren's wife. (IDF Spokesman)

Ashdod taxi driver stabbed to death

AMIRAM Elikashvilli, a 41-year-old taxi driver from Ashdod, was stabbed to death late Thursday night in his cab.

His body was found early Friday morning by police on a routine patrol near the southern exit of the city, after they spotted his taxi parked at the side of the road. Elikashvilli's bloodied body was slumped over the steering wheel, and he had been stabbed several times in the neck and chest.

MDA personnel declared him dead at the scene. The body was examined at the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir, and was then buried in the Ashdod Cemetery.

Police searched the orchards and building sites in the area, but there were no arrests.

Police said the murder was likely criminally motivated but not a robbery, since the victim's money was still in his pockets. They suspect it was some sort of "settling of scores."

They did not, however, rule out the possibility of a terrorist murder.

Relatives insisted it was a terrorist murder, saying they had no idea who would want to settle scores with Elikashvilli, since he had no known enemies.

Elikashvilli left a wife, a 16-year-old daughter and a 13-year-old son. (Itim)

Protest rejected against nude photos at Yad Vashem

BATSHEVA TSUR and news agencies

YAD VASHEM yesterday rejected a request to remove or cover photographs that showed naked Jews being led to slaughter.

Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Haim Miller said on Friday that the photographs were immodest and should be removed from Yad Vashem.

Miller, head of the Association for the Rights of the Haredi Community, said the pictures were an affront to haredim, and demanded Yad Vashem cover the nudity or remove the photographs.

"I don't recommend that they tangle with us," he told Reuters. "The pictures are offensive. If they don't remove them we can make sure religious Jews don't visit the museum; we can check if any of their big donors are Orthodox."

Miller said he had made a formal complaint to Yad Vashem after receiving letters recently from haredim who objected to the photographs.

Yad Vashem's chairman, Avner Shalev, said the main picture in question showed Nazi troops poised to shoot hundreds of naked Jewish women and had been on display for more than 25 years. "There is no way to cover up the horrors of the past," Shalev said yesterday evening.

He said more than 20 million people had seen the photograph since the museum opened.

Brother of Psagot manager Regev arrested

YITZHAK Weiss was arrested Friday by the Securities Authority on suspicion of collaborating in a stock manipulation scheme with his brother, Haim Regev, manager of Bank Leumi's Psagot mutual fund.

Weiss, an electrical engineer, is suspected of using bank accounts under his name and names of his family members to purchase shares. Regev is suspected of using the same method.

Investigators believe that Weiss acted according to his brother's orders.

They believe that Regev bought stocks for public institutions in his position as fund director.

Since Regev's arrest, investigators say that Weiss has withdrawn some NIS 6 million in cash from his bank accounts. Weiss is believed to have at least 34 bank accounts containing NIS 12 million.

Weiss' monthly salary is NIS 7,000. He would not explain under questioning the source of the millions, and is not cooperating with investigators.

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court set bail at NIS 500,000, and decided to keep him under house arrest until this afternoon when he is to post another NIS 1.5 million bond, requested by police who fear he will try to flee the country.

The judge also ordered the release of Regev, remanded on January 25. He is to pay NIS 200,000 bail and NIS 500,000 bond. (Itim)

Namir: Wave of 70,000 have come from Bukhara

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE veteran Bukharan Jewish community in Israel has been augmented by some 70,000 newcomers in the past five years, Labor and Social Welfare Minister Ora Namir said last week.

She was speaking Thursday during a meeting with leaders of the community who gathered at their community center in the Shapira quarter of Tel Aviv, where many of these new immigrants have settled.

The quarter consists of run-down houses in a largely industrial zone near Jaffa but has taken on the flavor of the Bukharan community. The new immigrants sit outside or stroll through the streets speaking the Bukharan dialect, and most of the stores advertise their wares prominently in Cyrillic letters.

Community leaders told Namir that 20 percent of the new immigrants are academics, mostly doctors and engineers, but they are for the most part not employed in their professions. The situation is particularly bad in places like Ramle and in Or Yehuda where more than 35% of the immigrants are from the Asian republics of the Soviet Union, most of them defined as Bukharan Jews.

Namir said her ministry would be willing to retrain the professionals as well as to provide training courses for others.

The community has been adopted by the British Olim Society which, together with the Jewish Agency, has set up a NIS 1 million fund to assist the newcomers with loans to get permanent housing.

Women's Torah institute claims discrimination in High Court petition

EVELYN GORDON

THE Religious Affairs Ministry should not be allowed to fund Jewish studies for men at a much higher rate than it does for women, a petition to the High Court of Justice demanded.

The petition, filed on Thursday by Nishmat, an institute for Jewish studies for women in Jerusalem, said that male yeshiva students who live in their school's dormitories are funded by the ministry at a rate of NIS 375 per student per month. Full-time women students who also live in their school's dormitories, however, are funded at a rate of NIS 135 per student – a difference of some 280%.

For married students who do not live in the dormitories, the difference is even greater, the petition said: NIS 490 per month for men and NIS 120 for women.

Furthermore, the petition noted, male students are eligible for funding from the ministry until the age of 65. Women students are funded only until the age of 30.

"The rate of funding for students of Torah is set according to age, sex and the number of hours of study, and in accordance with coalition agreements," the ministry acknowledged in a letter to Nishmat, which is quoted in the petition.

In a different letter, the ministry's legal adviser explained his reasoning, as follows: Men, he said, are obligated by religious law to study Torah, while women are not. Therefore, when the budget is limited, preference must be given to men.

Furthermore, he said, because men are obligated to learn Torah, male yeshivot cannot demand a realistic tuition. Women's institutions, however, have no such restriction, and should be required to charge a realistic tuition.

Married men who study, he continued, must be supported because their families need the money, while married women who study can be supported by their husbands.

Finally, he said, men who are deferring their army service are not allowed to work while they study, whereas women can both work and study.

In response, the petition noted that by Israeli law, discrimination on the basis of gender is illegal. Since the ministry must operate according to Israeli rather than religious law, the petition continued, its discriminatory policy is illegal even if it is true that religious law would favor funding the male student.

Shohat appoints head of economic separation panel

Cancellation of stock tax goes to cabinet

JOSE ROSENFELD

FINANCE Minister Avraham Shohat on Friday appointed Treasury Director-General David Brodet to head the economic committee that will review the proposal to separate the Israeli population from the Palestinians living in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Shohat said the economic committee will meet for the first time this week.

The committee, together with a security panel appointed by Police Minister Moshe Shahal, will work out the practical aspects of implementing Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's separation proposal.

The economic panel will focus on the economic implications of a separation both on Israel and the autonomous areas, and will propose solutions to the economic difficulties that may result from the planned separation. Some of the issues that are likely to arise include the impact of separation on the movement of workers and goods from the territories.

The economic committee will be organized in the same fashion as was the team for the economic talks with the Palestinians in Paris.

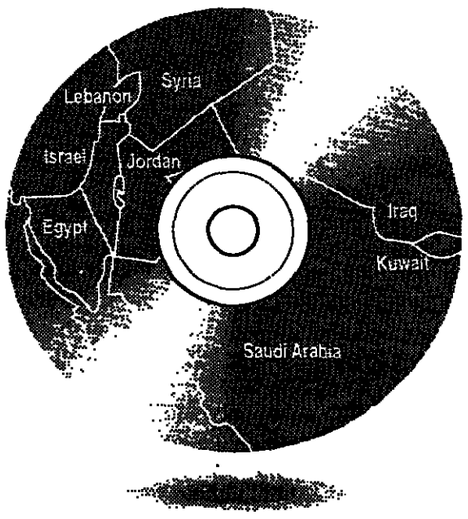
Brodet will lead a group that will include director generals from the relevant economic ministries, such as Agriculture, Industry and Trade, Energy, and Transportation, as well as representatives from the Bank of Israel, the civil administration, police and the prime minister's economic advisor and experts.

Since different security arrangements will have different economic impacts, the economic panel will prepare its recommendations to accommodate several options.

In addition, Shohat and Shahal will coordinate between the committees to ensure that the security and economic committees don't work at cross purposes.

Meanwhile, Shohat will present the cabinet today with his proposal to cancel the capital gains tax. Treasury spokesman Elisheva Braun says the proposal will be similar to the one that the Likud brought to a vote last week that was defeated.

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Government backs bill that would allow dads to take maternity leave

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE ministerial committee on legislation, headed by Justice Minister David Liba'i, agreed on Friday to support two private members' bills relating to birth grants and maternity leave.

Meretz MK Avraham Poraz proposed to allow a division of the maternity leave between a baby's mother and father, such that the mother could return to work before the 12 weeks of leave were up and the father could care for the child until the leave ended.

The bill specifies that both parents could not take leave at the same time, nor could the father take leave until at least three weeks after the birth, to give the mother time to recover.

A second proposal, by Labor MK Yoram Lass, would increase the special grants given to families that give birth to triplets or more, enabling them to receive the payments for a year instead of the current six months.

A representative from the National Insurance Institute said that there are some 100 births annually of triplets or more.

Treasury representatives said that while the proposal would cost only NIS 700,000 annually, they were concerned that extending the length of the grant for this group of parents would lead other groups to make similar demands.

Liba'i said that he thought it would be better to extend the grant to only nine months.

Islamic Movement will fight MKs to join Knesset race

DAVID RUDGE

THE Islamic Movement is considering possible legal action against right-wing MKs who have called for it being banned from participating in Knesset elections.

The call was made by some opposition MKs, after a meeting of representatives of the fundamentalist Israeli Arab organization last week took a tentative step towards running in the next Knesset elections.

In Tsomet and Likud, a move is under way to legislate against allowing any party to run which does not recognize Israel as a Jewish state, the flag and the national anthem. Part of this already exists in legislation against Kach, which forces any party to recognize the Declaration of Independence.

Ibrihim Sarsur, spokesman for the movement, told the *Jerusalem Post* last night that the meeting followed a religious ruling that the movement's ideological basis did not forbid it from entering the election race.

The representatives themselves, however, were equally divided over the question, and it was decided to hold a referendum among all of the movement's followers throughout the country.

Another meeting will then be held to decide the question, in principle, on the basis of the results of the nationwide survey.

Sarsur, who supports participation in the elections, stressed that the ideological/religious ruling was a very important aspect in the decision-making process.

In the past, the question of running in the elections has been sidelined because of the ideological/religious aspect, and followers were allowed to vote or not according to their own wishes.

Regarding the recommendations of opposition MKs, Sarsur said they rejected such suggestions completely and would check if there was any grounds for legal action.

"I should stress, however, that the Islamic Movement will continue to operate as an Israeli Islamic Movement, within the framework of the law, and will assess all possibilities which could lead the movement to operate from places where it can have maximum influence," said Sarsur.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Assi Dayan caught driving illegally

Assi Dayan, whose driver's license is suspended, was arrested on Friday afternoon after he was caught driving. Police stopped Dayan after seeing that his car was lacking front license plates. He was brought to the traffic police station and released on NIS 5,000 bail. *Itim*

Policeman attacked during pub brawl

A 24-year-old Haifa man is suspected of attacking a policeman who came to break up a brawl at a pub in the city's "Alcohol Valley" late Friday night. Following the incident, Haifa police ordered the closure of the pub for 30 days. The man allegedly beat the policeman, who had handcuffed him. The officer was hospitalized with injuries, including a broken nose. *Itim*

Israel dropped from US duty-free list

President Clinton announced Friday that Israel is being dropped from the list of Third World countries privileged to sell some goods to the United States duty-free. Israelis' average income – $13,760 in 1993, according to the World Bank – is above the limit set by the system, the president explained in a message to Congress. The Bahamas – average income $11,500 – was also dropped.

Worker leader threatens violence

The management of the Rotem-Amfert chemical plant in Beersheba has filed a complaint against the head of the factory's workers committee, who threatened to prevent the privatization of the company. According to the complaint, committee head Shimon Saban said he would disable the company's processing machines to stop privatization.

Saban, however, flatly denied management's claims. The factory's 1,200 workers have been on strike since last Monday. *Amir Rozenblit*

Aliya up in January compared to last year

January saw the arrival of 6,500 immigrants, an 11.5% increase over January 1994, the Absorption Ministry reported. 5,780 were from the CIS, 19 percent over last January.



